

Sport

Petit put on sale

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 27: Barcelona are prepared to part with French international midfielder 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.



EMMANUEL 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 31st.

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 clear 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 fulfill 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 Devers book of successful comebacks.

Last year she was cast in the unlikely role of the bad fairy when she stopped Swede Ludmilla Engkvist — 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 years, 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 Solskjaer and Dwight Yorke.

But United's new-look side was no match for PSV as the Dutch 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 a 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 Solskjaer pounced on a misdi-



MATEJA KEZMAN

rected PSV pass and as he rounded goalkeeper Ronald Waterreus, the Dutchman clipped him for a penalty.

Up stepped Scholes and he drove home United's first away goal in the Champions League since March 7.

It was nearly 2-0 four minutes later. Butt received Solskjaer's quick throw-in on the left and crossed for Greening to nod the ball down for Yorke and the striker shot just across the PSV goal.

The Dutch champions tried to hit back and Yugoslav international Mateja Kezman shot

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.

Boosted by this goal, PSV began 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 and 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.

Kezman scored himself in the 64th minute to put the result beyond doubt.

United coach Alex Ferguson threw on Ronnie Wallwork, Ryan Giggs and David Beckham for Michael Silvestre, Jonathan Greening and Scholes with 20 minutes to go but the changes failed to bear fruit.

The pool is wide open after Dynamo Kiev beat Anderlecht 4-0 in the other group game.

PSV are on top with six points. United and Dynamo Kiev follow with four points and Anderlecht are bottom with three.

Kiev drub Anderlecht

KIEV, Sept. 27: Ukraine's reigning champions Dynamo Kiev stunned Belgium's Anderlecht 4-0 in their European Champions League Group G match here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Dynamo's Georgian international striker George Demetradze scored two, while his teammates Andrei Hustin and Maxim Shatskikh netted Dynamo's other goals.

The hosts, who had just one point from their first two matches, began the match cautiously, content to control the ball and searching for a weakness in Anderlecht's defence.

However the visitors kept mistakes to a minimum and created several chances in counter-attacks before the break.

Seven minutes into the second half Dynamo's midfielder Hustin netted from an acute angle, pouncing on a rebound after a series of attempts from inside the box.

Anderlecht poured forward in attack looking for the equalizer, but Kiev replied with a series of counter-attacks and in the 83rd minute Dynamo's Uzbekistan international striker Maxim Shatskikh netted his team's second from 12 metres.

Birthday boy Georgi Demetradze, 24 on Tuesday, scored Kiev's third and fourth in the closing minutes to secure his team's victory.

Milan blank Barca

BARCELONA, Sept. 27: Italian giants AC Milan handed their Spanish counterparts a second consecutive Champions League loss here Tuesday inflicting a 2-0 defeat on the Catalan side in a Group H clash before 90,000 spectators, reports AFP.

After last week's 3-0 humiliation at Istanbul-based outfit Besiktas, Milan seriously doubted the Spanish giants' chances of reaching the second phase with strikes from Francesco Coco and Oliver Bierhoff.

Despite the Spanish side dominating the early stages, Coco silenced the partisan crowd with a goal on the stroke of half-time.

A freekick from Federico Guinti on the left found the head of Coco whose unstoppable header found its way into the Barca goal past French goalkeeper Richard Dutruel.

Despite the Spaniards pushing for an equalizer, Milan piled on further misery with just over a quarter of an hour to go.

Coco again was instrumental sending in a perfect cross as Bierhoff headed home to make it 2-0 and send Barcelona down a place to third in the group.

It was Milan's first victory in 14 European visits to Spain as the formidable trio of Brazilian Rivaldo, Luis Enrique and Dutchman Patrick Kluyvert failed to find a way past Milan's Brazilian keeper Dida.

Besiktas hit for half a dozen

LONDON, Sept. 27: Leeds went goal-crazy in their Group H Champions League clash against Turkish side Besiktas on Tuesday, romping home to an impressive 6-0 victory at Elland Road, reports AFP.

Three goals in a 15-minute first-half spell helped Leeds on their way. Strikes from Lee Bowyer, Mark Viduka and Dominic Matteo gave Leeds a fantastic start which left the visitors reeling.

The onslaught continued in the second period with Norwegian international Eirik Bakke scoring the fourth with 25 minutes to go.

Substitute Darren Huckerby netted a fifth just before the full-time whistle and Bowyer scored his second in injury-time to complete the rout.

Victory gives Leeds six points out of a possible nine following their 1-0 home win over Italian side AC Milan last week.

Leeds stormed into an early lead after just seven minutes. Ian Harte swung in a powerful low cross from the left which evaded the Besiktas cover and was met six yards out by Bowyer who slid in at the far post.

Besiktas were looking nothing like the side which demolished Spanish giants Barcelona

3-0 last week and Viduka should have doubled Leeds advantage moments later when he was put clean through by strike partner Alan Smith.

The Australian steadied himself on the edge of the box before hammering in a shot which ricocheted off the advancing keeper like Shorunmu and crashed against the bar.

Viduka's anguish was obvious but his next effort on goal after 11 minutes changed the home fans' jeers to cheers.

Gary Kelly hoisted a hopeful cross into the Besiktas penalty area but the visitors' defence simply stood still allowing Viduka a free header.

The former Celtic forward had time to pick his spot for his first goal for the club since moving from Glasgow in the summer.

Ahmet Dursum swivelled away from Danny Mills as Besiktas tried to counter but after creating space inside the penalty area, fired straight at Leeds keeper Nigel Martyn from close range.

The Turks were to rue that missed chance when Leeds added a third after 22 minutes.

Frenchman Olivier Dacourt swept in a right-wing cross following Bowyer's short corner. Smith caused panic by getting the first touch at the near post, and as the Besiktas defence

altered Matteo drove the loose ball home from close range.

Leeds could not maintain their blistering start as the Turks began to enjoy more possession but Matteo almost added another when his first-time strike from Bowyer's corner cannoned off the crossbar.

Smith should have opened his account for the home side six minutes after the interval but he failed to make contact with Bakke's pinpoint cross with the goal at his mercy.

Dursum came close to hauling Besiktas back into the match after 57 minutes but the lively Besiktas forward was felled by the outstretched leg of Martyn.

Bozkurt Umit then rolled a shot into the side-netting as Besiktas continued to cause Leeds sporadic problems but the hosts rode the storm and turned the screw eight minutes later.

The impressive Viduka held off several challenges by desperate Turkish defenders and laid the ball off cleverly to Bakke who rifled past a helpless Shorunmu.

Leeds continued to press but had to wait until the closing stages to add to their tally.

Huckerby controlled Harte's header in the Besiktas penalty area before swivelling smartly to thump the ball home.

The former Coventry forward then turned provider in stoppage time, feeding Bowyer for an easy tap-in.

UEFA CUP first round second leg

Anxious times for big guns

PARIS, Sept. 27: The UEFA Cup could lose at least two of its major attractions when the first round, second leg matches are completed on Thursday night, reports AFP.

Chelsea, tipped as challengers for the English League title but struggling near the bottom of the table already, travel to Switzerland with a single goal cushion against battling St Gallen - and it might not be enough to see them embark on

a lucrative cup run.

In an even more perilous position are Italian millionaires Fiorentina, who entertain the tough Austrian side FK Tyrol with a mountain to climb, having lost the away leg in Innsbruck 3-1.

However, the Italians have some claim to mitigating circumstances, as their League season has yet to start - and if they fall at the first hurdle, they might consider over-early.

Espanyol, Barcelona's perennial poor relations, could go the same way as their more illustrious neighbours did in the Champions League.

AC Milan rubbed Barcelona's nose in it with a 2-0 win in Catalunya and Espanyol will find the going just as tough when they entertain Olimpia Ljubljana, having gone down 2-1 in Slovenia.

Spanish rivals Celta Vigo are far from out of danger, having been held 0-0 at home by Rijeka, and they face a difficult trip to Croatia.

Things look more clearcut for the likes of Real Zaragoza, who take a 4-1 advantage to Wisla Krakow in Poland and for Rayo Vallecano, who are a goal up on little Molde of Norway, but less so for Alaves, who finished the first leg against Turkmenistan side Gaziantepspor 0-0.

German teams, on the other hand, are looking for a clean sweep. Kaiserslautern, Hertha Berlin and Munich 1860 are already through to the second round and VfB Stuttgart can start confidently in Edinburgh against Hearts, with a 1-0 win from the first leg under their belts. But Werder Bremen are two goals down to Antalyaspor of Turkey.

Gueugnon of France, the only second division team in the tournament, look like bowing out, too, barring miracles as they go to Salonika to face the robust Greek outfit Iraklis all square, having failed to score at home a fortnight ago.

UEFA Cup

Bordeaux, 1860

Munich in

round two

PARIS, Sept. 27: French outfit Bordeaux booked their place in the second round of the UEFA Cup Tuesday by humiliating Belgian side Lierse 5-1 at home while German team 1860 Munich needed a late goal to see off the surprising Czech side Petra Drnovice 1-0 on aggregate, reports AFP.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

PARIS, Sept. 27 (AFP): European Champions League first phase results on Tuesday:

GROUP E
Turin, Italy
Juventus (Ita) 0 Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 0

Hamburg, Germany
SV Hamburg (Ger) 0 Panathinaikos (Gre) 1 (Nasopoulos 36')

GROUP F
Paris
Paris Saint Germain (Fra) 1 (Leroy 90) Bayern Munich (Ger) 0

Rosenborg, Norway
Rosenborg (Nor) 6 (Johnsen 21, 29, 79, Strand 51, 52, S. Johansen 65-og) Helsingborg (Swe) 1 (Prica 90)

GROUP G
Eindhoven, Holland
PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 3 (Bouma 17, van Bommel 38, Kezman 64) Manchester United (Eng) 1 (Scholes 3-pen)

Kiev
Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 4 (Hustin 52, Shatskikh 83, Demetradze 89, 90) Anderlecht (Bel) 0

GROUP H
Leeds, England
Leeds (Eng) 6 (Bowyer 7, 90, Viduka 12, Matteo 22, Bakke 65, Huckerby 90) Besiktas (Tur) 0

Barcelona
Barcelona (Spa) 0 AC Milan (Ita) 2 (Coco 45, Bierhoff 71)

Deportivo hold Juve

TURIN, Italy, Sept. 27: Italian

runners-up Juventus failed to find a way past a resilient Deportivo La Coruna side here Tuesday as the two sides battled to a 0-0 draw in a Group E Champions League clash, reports AFP.

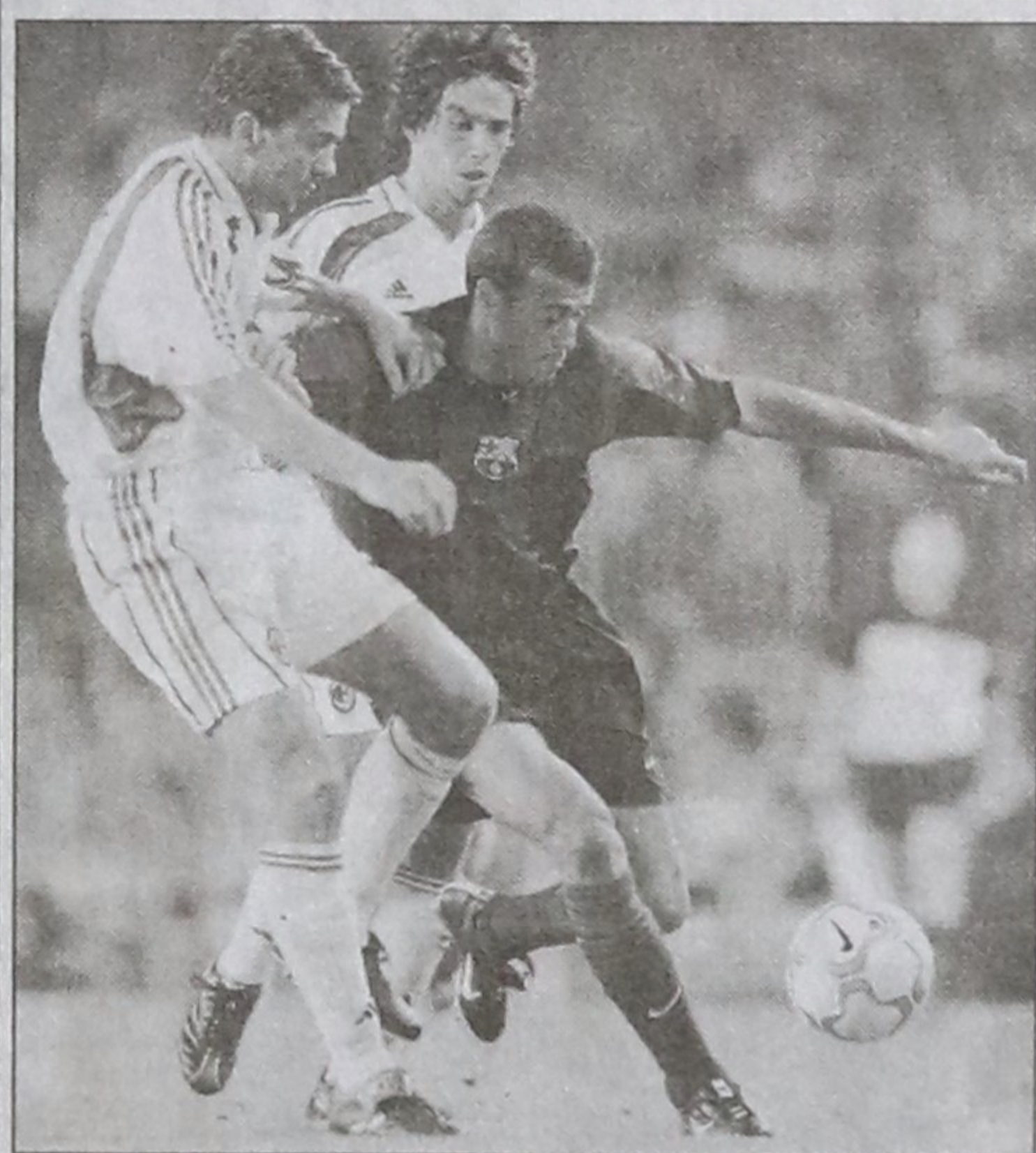
With Greek side Panathinaikos winning in Hamburg, the Group is now wide open with three games to play, but Juventus may live to regret two valuable points lost at home.

Neither side hit top form and Juve's French superstar Zinedine Zidane was obviously having an off night and even got himself sent off after 68 minutes, albeit controversially for an innocuous challenge on Emerson.

Chances were few and far between although Filippo Inzaghi had a couple of strikes at goal that were denied by the Deportivo goalkeeper.

Deportivo nearly stole the victory when a nasty deflection off Juve defender Igor Tudor looked to be heading goalwards before the timely intervention on Dutch goalkeeper Edwin Van Der Sar.

Juventus now play host to strugglers SV Hamburg while Deportivo also play at home to the surprising Greeks of Panathinaikos.



Barcelona's Spanish international Luis Enrique (R) and AC Milan's Alessandro Costacurta (L) fight for possession during their Champions' League encounter on September 26.

PSG leave it very late

PARIS, Sept. 27: The early leaders of the French championship Paris St Germain showed they could be a force to reckon with in the

Champions League when they surprised German giants Bayern Munich with a 1-0 victory at the Parc des Princes on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Substitute Laurent Leroy sent a packed crowd of over

44,000 fans delirious, with an injury time winner that turned Group F on its head.

With time running out and the Germans seemingly settling for a draw, a PSG build-up saw Robert pick up the ball, carve his way through the Bayern defence before poking in a right-foot shot that crept into the bottom left hand corner.

Leroy could not hide his joy, ripping off his shirt which earned him a yellow card but was unconcerned as the French side picked up a dramatic victory.

In a well-played game, record French signing Nicolas Anelka could easily have opened the scoring after 21 minutes when he found himself one on one with Bayern keeper Oliver Kahn.

Forced to shoot from a sharp angle, the former Real Madrid striker drove in a low shot that Kahn was relieved to see deflect off an outstretched boot.

It was then that the German side began to show their European pedigree as international marksman Carsten Jancker was played through on a breakaway only to see PSG's on form goalkeeper Lionel Letizi block his low drive with his legs.

The first-half ended scoreless but it was the Parisian outfit who slightly edged the territorial play despite the usual resistance of the always tough Germans.

The second-half saw Bayern turn the tables slightly as the 1999 runners-up turned up their workrate.

Mehmet Scholl made room for himself on the edge of the PSG box but placed his shot too close to Letizi who easily parried the ball away to safety.

The two sides tightened up their defences as the game wore on and scoring chances were limited.

Anelka again broke free with just over 15 minutes to go but Kahn was quick off his line, getting to the ball first and surviving a PSG claim for a penalty as the moody striker tumbled over him.

Scholl should have put Bayern ahead shortly after when a fine Bayern build-up gave the midfielder a clear shot at goal with only Letizi to beat.

Surprisingly the Bayern player made a complete hash of his shot and goalked his effort wide of the PSG goal.

STANDINGS

PARIS, Sept. 27 (AFP): European Champions League tables after Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points).

GROUP E									
Juventus (Turin)	3	1	2	0	6	5	5		
Deportivo La Coruna	3	1	2	0	3	2	5		
Panathinaikos	3	1	1	1	3	3	4		
Hamburg	3	0	1	2	5	7	1		
GROUP F									
Rosenborg	3	2	0	1	10	5	6		
Bayern Munich	3	2	0	1	6	3	6		
Paris Saint Germain	3	2	0	1	6	4	6		
Helsingborgs	3	0	0	3	3	13	0		
GROUP G									
PSV Eindhoven	3	2	0	1	5	3	6		
Dynamo Kiev	3	1	1	1	5	2	4		
Manchester United	3	1	1	1	6	4	4		
Anderlecht	3	1	0	2	2	9	3		
GROUP H									
AC Milan	3	2	0	1	6	2	6		
Leeds	3	2	0	1	7	4	6		
Barcelona	3	1	0	2	4	5	3		
Besiktas	3	1	0	2	4	10	3		

TV Guide

Thursday 27th September

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

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