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The firsts of **World Cup**

AFP, undated

Lucien Laurent, who combined football with a job working for car manufacturers Peugeot, made a name for himself when he scored the first ever World Cup goal in his side's 4-1 win over Mexico

While today's pampered footballers earn vast amounts of money and travel the globe in comfort, Laurent played in an era when football was simply not enough to make ends meet.

He began his career with CA Paris

(Club Athletique de Paris) part-time. earning extra money as a skilled worker in a printers, before moving to Sochaux in the east of France. Good enough to make the French team, he made his international debut

just months before the World Cup and impressed selectors enough to make him part of the squad for the long trip to South America. The gruelling boat trip to Uruguay,

snubbed by many European nations, took 14 days, although Laurent was not entirely alone -- his brother Jean was also part of the squad as well as the gifted French goalkeeper Alex Thepot

Picked for the first match of the tournament on July 13, 1930, Laurent made no mistake in the 19th minute when he received a cross from Ernest Liberati, smashing home a volley from just outside the box for the first ever World Cup goal.

Marcel Langiller and two-goal Andre Maschinot combined for the other French goals although coach Gaston Barreau failed to guide his team into the next round after narrow group phase losses to Argentina and Chile.

On his return to France, Laurent resumed his career with Sochaux as well as his modest job on the factory line at Peugeot. He later opened a bar in Besancon and died at the age of 97 in April 2005.

Captain: Jose Nasazzi of Uruguay was the first captain to win the World Cup, while Alberto Supicci managed the side. But Nasazzi doesn't seem to have actually received the World Cup as FIFA president Jules Rimet handed the trophy to Raul Jude, president of the Uruguayan FA. **Hattrick:** The first player to score a

hattrick during a World Cup match was the American Bart Patenaude during his country's game against Paraguay (3-0) on July 17, 1930 in Montevideo

Sending-off: The first player to receive his marching orders was Placido Galindo of Peru. Chilian referee Albert Warken sent him SEE PAGE 18 COL 1



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FIFA president Jules Rimet (L) hands over the Jules Rimet trophy to Raul Jude, president of the Uruguayan Football Association in Montevideo in July 1930.

Lippi's Italy full of desire

REUTERS, Rome

Italy coach Marcello Lippi is not a man given to the melodramatic or sentimental statements so common in Italian football so it is surprising to hear him refer to his two years in charge of the Azzurri as a 'fairy-tale'. With just over a month to go to

the start of the World Cup finals in Germany, Lippi got together with his team for a two-day training session this week and had time to take stock of the progress made during his period at the helm of one of the favourites for the title. "It has been a very nice experi-

ence, a fairy-tale. To be coach of the national side is to realise a dream. When you enter this sport you dream of achieving the maximum and the maximum is the national side," Lippi told Reuters in an inter-In his two spells at Juventus.

Lippi won five Italian titles and took the Turin club to four Champions League finals, winning the continent's top trophy in 1996, but he says he has enjoyed the move out of

"It is an improvement in your

playing every three days -- you have Serie A, the Champions League, the travel, the press conferences. preparing, watching videos. With the national team, you have great prestige but the games are every month or two months, the quality of life is certainly better," he said.

One of the first tasks he set himself was creating a team spirit in the Italy camp, replicating a club atmosphere among players from rival sides -- no easy task in Italy where the rivalry between the top clubs often spills over into public

"It is difficult, but not impossible. If they come into the national side, they find something positive and they can leave their problems with their clubs at the door," said the

The silver-haired Lippi is the quiet force behind Italy. Unlike his predecessor Giovanni Trapattoni whose team disappointed at the World Cup four years ago and failed to make it out of the group stage at the European Championship in 2004, he rarely loses his temper in public and he is circumspect when

against Barcelona to worry about,

not to mention a must-win game

against Wigan on Sunday. Victory

against City saw them move to

within a point of fourth-placed

analysing his team's progress. "It's gone well, I'm very satisfied. I have the impression that the team has become a strong group who are

happy to be with each other. There is a great desire to produce something good, to make up for the recent times. That doesn't mean we will be victorious but I can feel they are good together and

ambitious," he said. After a slow start under Lippi, Italy qualified comfortably for the finals and their 4-1 friendly victory over hosts Germany in February enhanced the team's status as one of the main challengers to Brazil at next month's tournament.

"We have had two years' work, made choices and selections and this year we have played in a certain way at home and abroad -- I hope that Italy will continue to play in this manner, with personality, desire and enthusiasm," said Lippi.

The coach is reluctant to elaborate on the differences between his side, who face Ghana, Czech SEE PAGE 18 COL 4

DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE

Stabile, the pioneer

The home fans were forced to

bite their nails for nearly half an

hour before Pedro Cea found the

back of the Argentine goal with a

superb individual effort that went a

long way to breaking the spirit of the

Uruguay in front and with time

running out and Argentina desper-

ately pushing forward. Hector

Castro, the striker whose right hand

had been amoutated, but the result

beyond doubt with the fourth goal

himself with the title of tournament

top scorer, achieving an impressive

average of two goals per game.

Little did he know. however, that he

would never again wear the

Argentina national shirt. After his

exploits in Uruguay, he tried his luck

Information

There will be FIVE rounds of competition.

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Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the

At least Stabile could console

for the hosts one minute from time.

Left-winger Santos Iriarte put

challengers.

AGENCIES, undated

World football's first great scoring hero, Argentina's Guillermo Stabile left an indelible mark on World Cup history by finishing as top scorer at Uruguay 1930, having scored a remarkable eight goals in four games.

The record of the fast, scoring centre-forward, who could have been an Olympic sprinter but chose soccer, was not bettered for 24 vears.

As with every great legend, there are plenty of juicy anecdotes concerning Stabile. Not only did he arrive in Uruguay as a replacement, he had never even donned Argentina's famous blue and white strip before.

Stabile, a modest 1.68m tall. was nicknamed El Filtrador ('The creeper') on account of his ability to infiltrate powerful opposition defences using his low centre of gravity. Other attributes included his blistering acceleration and dazzling natural pace. It comes as no surprise then that he started his career in athletics and clocked up a personal best of 11 seconds in the 100 metres - quite a feat in those

First-choice striker Roberto Cherro kept Stabile on the bench in Argentina's opening match at Uruguay 1930 and the Huracan marksman could not have had the slightest inkling of the role he would play during the next four games as the spearhead of the Argentinian

Cherro suffered an anxiety attack before their second game of the tournament and allowed Stabile to step forward for what proved to be a dream debut. On 19 July, Argentina served up a 6-3 drubbing to Mexico and El Filtrador netted the first ever World Cup finals hattrick

On the crest of a wave, Stabile went on to register again as Argentina won their final group game, beating Chile 2-1. He added two more to his tally in the 6-1 win over United States in the semifinal to set up a meeting in the final against the hosts.

Pablo Dorado sent the crowd into a frenzy after only 12 minutes with the opening goal for Uruguay, but Peucelle equalised and when Stabile put Argentina 2-1 up, the

Boom in female attendance

INTERNET, undated

In the run-up to the World Cup, when hundreds of thousands of people will stream into the 12 stadiums, organizers and cities have made every attempt to make the grounds and the access to them uncomplicated, safe and easily patrolled. Their efforts make the venues more attractive for visitors who come to watch a good soccer

Germans are being bombarded with advertising and talk about the month-long competition. Everyone, be it the world soccer governing body, FIFA, or World Cup sponsors or just plain businesses, wants to profit from this year's largest sporting event. Nobody should feel left out -- certainly not the half of the

stadiums.

beer-swigging machos, who chant songs meant to praise their team and antagonize the opponents, the stadiums are beginning to become

along on our trips," said Petra Vieten. She and her husband operate a tour company that takes customers to top soccer matches in Germany and abroad. "The women view the whole thing more as an event or a mini-vacation. It isn't just the match that is exciting, but also touring a new city and the like."

to be the modern grounds that are now the norm in the country's topflight clubs. They aren't simply stadiums with primitive facilities. They are now called SEE PAGE 18 COL 4 in Italy, joining Genoa. And just to prove that his FIFA World Cup



GUILLERMO STABILE

performances had been no flash in the pan, he celebrated his debut in

Europe by chalking up a hattrick against Italian league leaders Bologna.

Stabile ended his playing career in the Parisian suburbs at Red Star, a club run for many a year by Jules Rimet, the architect of the FIFA World Cup. After hanging up his boots, he stayed in football as manager of his former club Huracan and also Racing Club of Buenos Aires, while at the same

cesses. Between 1939 and 1960, he won the Copa America six times and managed the Albicelestes for 127 games. Later appointed director of Argentina's coach training school. Stabile died in late December 1966 at the age of 60.

time coaching the Argentina

national side to repeated suc-

Kaiser laments Rooney injury

INTERNET, undated

German World Cup organiser Franz Beckenbauer has admitted Wayne Rooney's absence from the World Cup would be a blow to the prestige of the tournament.

"Even though he is just 20 years of age, he is one of those players who cannot be replaced," said Beckenbauer.

Roooney broke a metatarsal playing for Manchester United last weekend, and he is deemed unlikely to be fit for the finals which start on June 9. "Hopefully Wayne Rooney will

be fit in time." added Beckenbauer. "His absence would be a major loss, not just for England but also for the tournament which would be

missing a big attraction," he added. Star trio overlooked

REUTERS, Madrid

Spain coach Luis Aragones has named a 27-man squad for a World Cup get-together on May 8, leaving out Valencia winger Vicente, Real Madrid midfielder Guti and Espanyol playmaker Ivan de la Pena.

Aragones has stood by captain Raul and Xavi. Raul has not been in top form for Real since returning from a knee injury in February while Xavi made his first appearance for Barca, after five months out with a knee injury, last week.

Vicente has been struggling to recover from a long-term ankle injury and has not returned to action with his club vet.

Guti and De la Pena have paid for inconsistent form with their clubs and appear to be out of the running.

Getafe's Argentine fullback Mariano Pernia, who obtained dual nationality last month, was also not included.

Of the outsiders called up to the last get-together in April only Villarreal defender Javi Venta and Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta have made the cut.

Real Betis's Melli, Celta Vigo's Borja Oubina, Getafe's Jaime

BITS AND BOBS

Gavilan and Real Zaragoza's Cani look to have dropped out of contention, barring injury to others.

The four Liverpool players -Pepe Reina, Luis Garcia, Xabi Alonso and Fernando Morientes are not expected to make an appearance in Madrid as they prepare for next weekend's FA Cup final against West Ham.

Record incentive for Portugal

AFP, Lisbon

The Portuguese Football Federation is offering national team players their biggest-ever bonus if they win the 2006 World Cup, the president of the federation has said.

Giberto Madail would not specify the exact amount each player would take home, telling daily newspaper Jornal de Noticias that "all I can tell you is that it will be enough to buy a good car.'

"Everything has been defined. Now all that is left is for the team to play," he added.

Sports daily Record, citing unnamed federation sources, said each player would get 275,000 euros (347,500 US dollars) if Portugal wins the World Cup final in Germany on July 9.

Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari will name his World Cup 23man squad on May 15.

The country is in Group D along with Angola, Iran and Mexico. It will kick off its campaign against former African colony Angola on June 11, two days after the start of the tour-

Portugal are tied in eighth place with Argentina in the FIFA world rankings for April.

The country's first appearance at a World Cup in 1966 is also its best performance to date. Portugal reached the semi-finals that year, losing only to eventual world cham-

Ashley out to erase memories

AFP, London

Ashley Cole hopes to put the memory of what has been an injurywrecked season behind him with

some bold displays for both club Tottenham, who face West Ham in their final match. and country.

The 25-year-old Arsenal full-"I was a little bit tired and we could have defended the corner a back received a World Cup boost little bit better (for the City goal). I by playing a full match in the 3-1 defeat of Manchester City after am happy to be playing now. I hope recovering from a broken foot. can take my chance, be fit for Sunday and the Champions The Gunners also have next League final," Cole also told Sky week's Champions League final

> Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said left-back Cole's return SEE PAGE 18 COL 5



A grafitti artist paints a giant mural featuring a Brazilian football player on a wall in Berlin's Mitte district in preparation for the 2006 FIFA World Cup on Friday.

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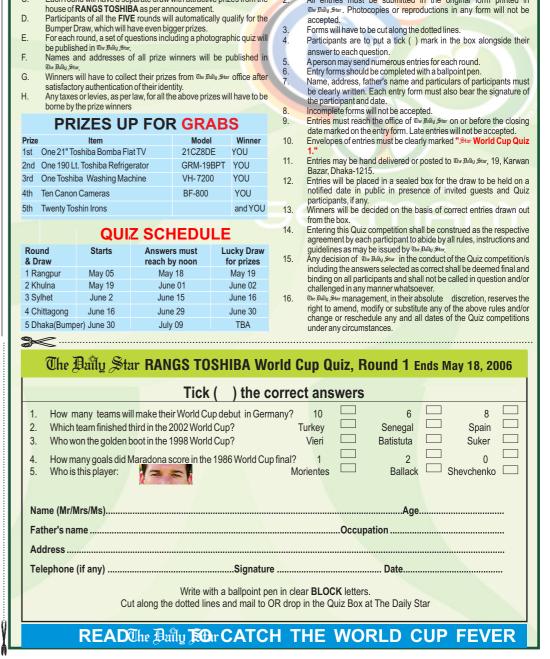
Soccer games have always been a predominantly male bastion in Germany. Now though, ever more women are making their way to the

While soccer is still a haven of more attractive to the "fairer" sex.

"More and more women come The number of women attending

Bundesliga matches has been rising steadily. Just over a fifth of the spectators who attend first-division matches are female. In some cities there are even more. Part of the reason for the rising

popularity amongst women appears



Round 1, Draw in Rangpur

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