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## Ticket scams remain elusive

INTERNET, undated

With just a month until the World Cup kicks-off, host nation Germany is still struggling to combat ticketing scams from cunning fraudsters looking to exploit desperate soccer fans.

The demand for the 3.07 million tickets to the finals, running from June 9 until July 9, has been over-subscribed by a ratio of 20, and fraudsters continue to use new methods to dupe fans.

Hamburg chief prosecutor Burkhard Vonnahme revealed that several people were now being investigated after falsifying documents from World Cup sponsor Coca-Cola to sell match tickets they did not actually have.

The black market traders, using online auction Web site eBay, claimed to have won the tickets as prizes from Coca-Cola and faxed apparent confirmation of this to the buyer. The fan would then transfer money for the match ticket - only for the American drinks giant to confirm that the documents had in fact been false.

Ebay has vowed to tighten security in the wake of the scam, and Coca-Cola has urged fans to look more carefully to ensure all documents are official. However, the Internet auction portal continues to refuse to prevent people from trading black market tickets on its site.

The German organizing committee (OK) has asked eBay not to sell World Cup tickets, but the auction site pointed out that no one was breaking the law. "There are no laws forbidding this sort of trade," said eBay spokesman Nerses Chopurian.

The OK went to great lengths to ensure World Cup tickets were purchased through the proper channels, but just 48 hours after the first sales period in April last year black market tickets surfaced on eBay.

The OK and FIFA have since set up an official portal which will allow tickets to be returned or exchanged by ticket buyers to nominated individuals.

As tickets include personal data, anyone other than the designated ticket holder attempting to enter a stadium with a ticket not bearing their name will have the ticket confiscated and will be refused entry. Only by going through official channels can tickets be transferred to another named holder.

The German Soccer Federation won a court case which makes sales and exchanges by ticket holders outside the official channels null and void.



French referee Georges Capdeville (C) looks on as Italian captain Giuseppe Meazza (L) and his Hungarian counterpart Gyorgy Sarosi shake hands before the start of their World Cup final on June 19, 1938 in Colombes, in the suburbs of Paris.

PHOTO: AFP

## Apache looks to soar

INTERNET, undated

After exploding on to the world stage with scintillating performances, most observers have expected Barcelona wunderkind Lionel Messi to be Argentina's most potent forward in Germany this summer. Noises emanating from South America, though, suggest otherwise.

The thigh injury that has hindered the 18-year-old since February may impinge but, regardless, one of his colleagues is a much more likely candidate to emerge as the latest heir to Diego Maradona.

Short, squat and just as incendi-

ary as the man whose genius won the 1986 World Cup for Argentina, Carlos "El Apache" Tevez remains a relative unknown in Europe. The name may be more familiar after last week's visit by Jose Mourinho to watch him with a view to disgoring another 20 million pounds of Roman Abramovich's generosity, but by the end of the finals any doubts will vanish if El Apache can replicate the form shown in his last major international tournament.

He was born and raised in the humble neighbourhood of Ejaerto de Los Andes, known as "Fuerte Apache", from where he got the nickname of Apache. Carlitos, as he is

more commonly known, has a scar from the right ear to his chest, product of a burn with boiling water when he was a young boy. He declined plastic surgery since he would have to be out of the playground for four months and in his playing days with Boca he also declined it again saying that the scar was an integral part of his personality.

At the age of 20, his desire to win at all costs carried his side to the gold medal at the 2004 Olympic Games, scoring eight goals in just six matches. Quick, strong and unpredictable, a move from Boca Juniors seemed a certainty with

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## DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE

# Meazza: The legend lives

AFP, Milan

One of the most complete players of his era, the popular Giuseppe Meazza played a major role in helping Italy to their first World Cup in 1934, and captained the side which repeated the feat four years later in France.

A lively playmaker with an eye for goal, his career spanned nearly 20 years and he scored 216 league goals.

Arguably described as Italy's most successful international ever, he was top scorer in Italy on three occasions in 1930, 1936 and 1938 and can claim one of the fastest hattricks in history when he bagged three goals against Roma... in just three minutes.

Born in Milan in 1910, Meazza signed for Internazionale in 1927, and quickly forged a reputation as a ruthless finisher par excellence. He probably would have scored more had World War II not intervened.

His trademark was a twinkle-toed shuffle in one-on-one situations that often left opposition goalkeepers groping at thin air.

In his second season at Inter he scored 33 goals, and in 1929-30, the first time Italian football had a fully-fledged, nationwide Serie A, he finished topscorer with 31 goals in 33 appearances.

In 1930 he was also given his first start for Italy, scoring twice on his debut as Switzerland were swept aside 4-2. More goals followed in a hattrick against Hungary later that year.

Though enjoying great success as an orthodox centre-forward, it was as an old-fashioned inside forward that Meazza was to enjoy his greatest successes as a player, both scoring goals and creating opportunities for others.

The decision by Italy's master coach Vittorio Pozzo to move the

Inter striker into a slightly deeper role for the 1934 World Cup proved inspired.

That time, Meazza's contribution was also decisive and he scored the winner that beat Spain in a quarterfinal replay before setting up the crucial goal by Schiavo that beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in the final.

Four years later, after reaching the quarterfinals, the hosts France were unable to contain Piola who added two goals in a 3-1 win to set up a semifinal against Brazil.

Italy were a goal up in the second half of that match and were awarded a penalty, which the Italian skipper stepped up to take.

He coolly converted the spotkick but then had to take rearguard action as his shorts, which had been ripped in a previous encounter, finally gave up the ghost and fell down round his

knees. Despite Brazil pulling a goal back late in the match the Italians held on and Meazza was one match away from lifting the World Cup for a second time.

Meazza kept the Italian ship on course and the Azzurri won 4-2 against Hungary. It was to be the last World Cup for 12 years.

Soon after guiding Italy to their second World Cup, Meazza suffered a serious knee injury which effectively ended his career.

He made the cross-city switch to Inter's rivals AC Milan in 1939, but the outbreak of war and his waning fitness limited him to only a handful of appearances.

The Italian went on to make 53 appearances for his country, scoring what was then a record 33 goals, a total unbeaten until "Gigi" Riva

came along 30 years later to set a new mark.

He also won two Italian titles with Inter in 1930 and 1938 as well as the Italian Cup in 1939.

Meazza also played for Juventus, Varese and Atalanta before returning to Inter in a player-coaching role, helping the club to avoid relegation.

He had a brief spell as Italian coach, with moderate success, between February 1952 and May 1953.

He died two days short of his 69th birthday on August 21, 1979.

In his memory, the famous San Siro stadium where Inter and AC Milan play their home matches, was renamed the Giuseppe Meazza Stadium.



## BITS AND BOBS

### Bush not a football fan

AFP, Berlin

US President George W. Bush admitted he was not a big fan of soccer, saying it was not played much in the United States when he was young. Bild am Sonntag newspaper reported Sunday.

The 32-nation, June 9 to July 9, World Cup finals are to take place in 12 German cities this summer with the United States, who reached the quarter-finals in the last soccer showcase in 2002, having qualified again this time.

"When I was young, I did not see a single soccer match. Where I came from, football wasn't played," Bush said. "The sport simply did not exist. Therefore there is a whole generation of Americans who are not really football fans."

"However there is a new generation of Americans who have grown up with soccer. For them, the World Cup is of great interest and it's the most important sporting event in the world."

"And some of us, the old guys, are beginning to understand how important the World Cup is for the entire world."

### Kehl injury not serious

REUTERS, Frankfurt

An ankle injury to Germany midfielder Sebastian Kehl in Borussia Dortmund's match against Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday turned out to be less serious than first feared.

Germany assistant coach Joachim Loew said on Sunday that Kehl had suffered only a strained ligament and not a tear, as first feared.

"That's the best news of the day that Sebastian Kehl was not hurt as badly as we first thought," Loew said. "He is going to play a big role in our planning."

Kehl suffered the injury late in a 1-1 draw against Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga.

The 26-year-old made his comeback for Germany after a long absence in a 4-1 win over the United States in March.

### Fergie urges seniors to shoulder burden

AFP, London

Alex Ferguson has called on a quartet of senior English players to step up to the plate in the World Cup.

In the likely absence of star striker Wayne Rooney for at least some part of the tournament, Ferguson urged Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard, Joe Cole and particularly David Beckham to step forward and take responsibility for England's World Cup bid.

Even before Rooney broke his even foot at Chelsea last weekend, the

Manchester United boss was unhappy at the burden of expectation being placed on the young striker's shoulders to carry the fight for England in Germany this summer.

Ferguson, however, does not believe Rooney's absence means England are now a forlorn hope to win the competition.

"I said before there was too much being put on Wayne's shoulders," said Ferguson. "Now the emphasis has to change."

"Step forward Steven Gerrard, step forward Frank Lampard, step forward Joe Cole, step forward David Beckham. These guys are all more experienced and older than

Wayne Rooney. "David in particular has played in World Cups and European Cup Finals. He is the captain."

"Now they all have an opportunity to make an impact."

"You can never say one player is going to decide everything, especially a young player because they lack consistency and can always have a bad game."

"Even without Wayne, England have a lot going for them. It is certainly not a hopeless cause."

Ferguson cites strength in depth in central defence, the massive improvement in Tottenham's Paul

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### World Cup football

### Germany 2006

## Teamgeist, The 1st ball with seamless panels

- Colours: black and white with gold trim
- Weight: 420 - 445 grams
- Circumference: 69 - 69.25 cm

Teamgeist ("team spirit") The colours represent the black and white of Germany and the gold of the trophy

2,800 balls will be used during the tournament

14 panels (32 panels in the 2002 ball)

Source: Adidas

## 2006 Round 1, Draw in Rangpur

### Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

#### Information

- Participants of all the FIVE rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, a set of questions including a photographic quiz will be published in the Daily Star.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in the Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from the Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

#### Rules

- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2006. Employees of and Rangs Toshiba and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in the Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick ( ) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries for each round.
- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
- Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Entries must reach the office of the Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 1".
- Entries may be hand delivered or posted to the Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
- Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by the Daily Star.
- Any decision of the Daily Star in the conduct of the Quiz competition/ including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner whatsoever.
- The Daily Star management, in their absolute discretion, reserves the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of the Quiz competitions under any circumstances.

#### PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

Prize	Item	Model	Winner
1st	One 21" Toshiba Bomba Flat TV	21CZ8DE	YOU
2nd	One Toshiba Refrigerator	GRM-19BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Washing Machine	VH-7200	YOU
4th	Ten Canon Cameras	BF-800	YOU
5th	Twenty Toshin Irons		and YOU

#### QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Rangpur	May 05	May 18	May 19
2 Khulna	May 19	June 01	June 02
3 Sylhet	June 2	June 15	June 16
4 Chittagong	June 16	June 29	June 30
5 Dhaka(Bumper)	June 30	July 09	TBA

### The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 1 Ends May 18, 2006

#### Tick ( ) the correct answers

1. How many teams will make their World Cup debut in Germany?	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Which team finished third in the 2002 World Cup?	Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	Senegal <input type="checkbox"/>	Spain <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Who won the golden boot in the 1998 World Cup?	Vieri <input type="checkbox"/>	Batistuta <input type="checkbox"/>	Suker <input type="checkbox"/>
4. How many goals did Maradona score in the 1986 World Cup final?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Who is this player:	Morientes <input type="checkbox"/>	Ballack <input type="checkbox"/>	Shevchenko <input type="checkbox"/>

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms).....Age.....

Father's name.....Occupation.....

Address.....

Telephone (if any).....Signature.....Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.  
Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star

### READ The Daily Star CATCH THE WORLD CUP FEVER

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