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#### Lagerback pulls some surprises

REUTERS, Stockholm

Juventus's Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Barcelona's Henrik Larsson among six strikers named in Sweden's World Cup squad on Tuesday while right back Alexander Ostlund was dropped in a defensive shake-up.

Ostlund, who plays for Southampton, was heavily criticised after Sweden lost 3-0 to Ireland in a friendly in March.

Coach Lars Lagerback has brought in IFK Gothenburg's Karl Svensson and Fredrik Stenman, who has had a strong first season with Bayer Leverkusen but has never played for Sweden.

Mikael Nilsson, who has had little time on the pitch for Greek side Panathinaikos, was also among the defenders Nilsson has played in midfield and

right back role with Ostlund during Another surprise was Fredriksborg's Rami Shaaban as one of three goalkeepers, with Eddie Gustafsson

defence for Sweden and shared the

of Ham-Kam left out. First choice keeper Andreas Isak-sson has retained his place. Shaaban played three games for Arsenal in 2002 before breaking his leg in training later that year after

which he never played for the north London side again "It is quite easy to pick out 15 to 16 players but we had most discussion about the goalkeepers and the backs." Lagerback told a news

conference. Defence was seen as Lagerback's main problem, although he said he was satisfied with his

"Alexander (Ostlund) has changed clubs and has had an up and down spring in Southampton,"

the daily Expressen newspaper. "We have followed him but think that we now have better alternatives in Niclas (Alexandersson) and Mikael

Lagerback was quoted as saying by

There were few surprises among the other defenders in the squad who include Erik Edman of Stade Rennes, Petter Hansson of Heerenveen and Olof Mellberg of

The forwards and midfielders called up were however, as expected.

#### **SQUAD**

(Nilsson).

Goalkeepers: Andreas Isaksson (Stade Rennes), John Alvbage (Viborg), Rami Shaaban (Fredrikstad)

Defenders: Erik Edman (Stade Rennes), Petter Hansson SEE PAGE 18 COL 1

**Robson: Sven must** 

Former England captain Bryan

Robson believes Sven-Goran

Eriksson must play Aaron Lennon

and Theo Walcott in the forthcoming

international friendlies after naming

them in his squad for the World Cup

Robson believes Eriksson has

lifted the country by naming the

teenagers in his squad but he must

give now them a chance to show

what they can do in pre-tourna-

ment friendlies against Hungary

and Jamaica. But Robson believes

the decision to take them to the

tournament has also deflected the

doom and gloom surrounding

injuries to Wayne Rooney and

autobiography 'Robbo', the West

Brom boss said: "I think the squad is

really interesting. The inclusion of

the two youngsters has made

picked people like Jermain Defoe

and Shaun Wright-Phillips, nobody

would have really talked about

anything other than Wayne Rooney

ask about Theo Walcott and

whether Lennon has done enough

at Tottenham to be included in the

we played Tottenham towards the end of the season and I'd watched a few of their games leading up to that match. I

think he has done enough. He is improving and did very well in the last

Robson maintains Eriksson,

who admits to never seeing Walcott play, must have had enough good

reports about the youngster in order

added Robson. "Not only from the

people at Arsenal but his own scouts

massive mistake because you can't

guarantee that the player he would

have picked in his place would be a

"I'm sure that the one thing

when they go and look at players

"He must have had good reports,"

"You can't say it is going to be a

to include him.

"I've seen a bit of Lennon because

"But now everybody is starting to

and Michael Owen's injuries.

He added: "I think if he had

everybody talk about it."

Speaking at the launch of his

Michael Owen

play rookies

**INTERNET**, undated



one-off match. We beat them 3-1 in

qualification and this competition is

not like a league championship

umph came 20 years ago when they

were inspired by Diego Maradona.

Argentina's last World Cup tri-

The latest in a long line of players

"There is an Argentine necessity

viewed as the new Maradona is

Lionel Messi but Crespo believed

the Barcelona forward should

to search for a successor to

Maradona but Maradona is unique,"

he said. "For me he is the only player

it is impossible to imitate because of

cess of maturity which will allow him

to overcome the pressure and

concentrate on the game. If he plays

in the final of the Champions

League (against Arsenal) and at the

World Cup he should make sure he

winning season at Chelsea had

given him additional confidence

ahead of the tournament.

Crespo said his championship-

"Be humble. Think that the first

game is the final. And be careful with

Angola. If they are at the World Cup it

is because they are tops in Africa," he

said in comments published

stage are all difficult. Today there

are no easy matches," he added.

"Our adversaries in the group

Portugal are in Group D which

Eusebio blamed overconfidence

pits them against Iran and Mexico

as well as its former colony Angola.

for Portugal's first-round exit from

the 2002 World Cup held in Japan

and South Korea which included a

shock 3-2 defeat to rank outsiders

the United States during their first

were all convinced that we would be

world champions, that the game

against the United States was

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"When we left Lisbon in 2002 we

match of the tournament.

Tuesday in sports daily ABola.

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"Messi is going through a pro-

ignore the comparisons.

nis characteristics.

which lasts over a whole season."

The president of the FIFA, Jules Rimet (C), hands over the Jules Rimet Cup to Obdulio Varela, the Uruguayan captain (No 5) after the Uruguayans defeated Brazil 2-1 in the final of the 1950 World Cup on July 16, 1950 in Rio de Janeiro.

# Fearless Crespo

REUTERS, Madrid

Even though Argentina have been drawn in one of the trickiest groups for next month's World Cup, striker Hernan Crespo is confident they will avoid a repeat of their first-round elimination four years ago. After being tipped as one of the

tournament favourites in South Korea and Japan, the twice former champions were sent packing following opening-round matches with England, Sweden and Nigeria. Argentina were handed another

tough draw for next month's World Cup in Germany, having been paired with Netherlands, Ivory Coast and Serbia & Montenegro in Group C.

"We've got another difficult group," the Chelsea forward told Reuters in an interview held during a squad get-together in Madrid. "But we've got the necessary experience to deal with it.

"I think it will be less difficult than last time because there is no 'classico' in this group. Argentina against England was a 'classico' because a game like that generates huge interest and it conditions all the other group games.

"We have a great chance to get through...maybe we are starting the World Cup before other teams as

Eriksson is hoping for is that

Rooney and Owen are both fit. But I

just feel the squad has given every-

body a real lift ahead of the friendly

internationals. People will be sitting

there and taking notice of these

young lads if they get a chance and

now that he's brought them into the

squad, you have to give them a

German organisers confirmed

Wednesday that football fans would

be allowed to consume alcohol at

was always the plan to sell beer at

the 12 World Cup stadia, although

police have the right to order alcohol

bans for matches they consider to

"Only the police can decide

The organising committee said it

next month's World Cup finals.

be at risk from hooligans.

Yes to beer!

AFP, Frankfurt

we know we will need to focus from the very first game."

The 30-year-old Crespo said the disappointment of 2002 would not impact upon Argentina.

"I don't think we carry any burden from the failure last time." he said. "Football is a question of destiny in many cases.

'Éor example in the game against Sweden (in the last World Cup), Argentina had a huge number of chances to score and we just couldn't convert them so we missed out on qualification.

"It just wasn't meant to be our day and that's the way things work in the "It is our desire to win the World

Cup again but it is going to be difficult and we mustn't forget that in the history of football, Argentina has only won the World Cup twice. That shows how difficult it will be to win it." Although he viewed Brazil as firm favourites to win the tournament for

a sixth time, Crespo said Argentina were capable of beating the champions in a one-off game. "They won the last World Cup, the last Copa America and the last

Confederations Cup and all their players are important figures at their

whether to ban the sale of alcohol for

any particular game," Jens Grittner, a

spokesman for the World Cup organ-

FIFA sparked outrage in Germany when they ruled that Budweiser

would be the only beer on sale to

allow German brewer Bitburger to

on June 9 and concludes on July 9.

Eusebio warns

Legendary striker Eusebio has

warned Portugal's squad against

complacency during the group stage

at the World Cup which it will begin

with a match against debutants

Angola in Germany on June 11.

A compromise deal was struck to

The 64-match World Cup begins

Football's world governing body

ising committee, told AFP.

fans at the stadiums.

also sell its products

**Portugal** 

AFP, Lisbon

BITS AND BOBS

"But anything can happen in a

## DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE

# **Heartbreak For Hosts**

With Varela's wise head calming

the Uruguayans, the underdogs

suddenly began to make a game of

it. On 66 minutes, Schiaffino made it

draw to be crowned world champi-

ons, they were unable to hold out.

Uruguay pressed forward and with

Brazilian keeper Barbosa at his near

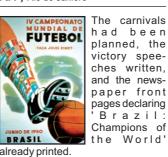
Though Brazil only needed a

hosts, or so it seemed

1-1 with a ferocious shot.

post, to make it 2-1.

Maracana was deafening.



pages declaring Brazil: Champions of the World' The year is 1950, and host nation Brazil need only a draw against

Uruguay in the final match of the World Cup to lift the coveted Jules Rimet trophy for the first time. As the Brazilians and Uruguayans line up before kick-off at the Maracana Stadium in front of a world record crowd believed to be

governor addresses the players: "You Brazilians, whom I consider victors of the tournament, you players who in less than a few hours will be acclaimed champions by

in excess of 200,000, Rio's state

millions - I salute you!" Brazil's squad had already been presented with gold watches before the kick-off, each one bearing the inscription 'For the world champi-

It was tempting fate on a grand scale. And fate found the triumphalism of the Brazilians too hard to resist, administering one of the greatest upsets in World Cup history in the form of a stunning 2-1 victory to Uruquay.

The match started and everything appeared to go to plan for the hosts, the self-declared champions in-waiting who had averaged more than four goals a game going into the final match.

The Uruquavan goal came under a furious onslaught as Brazil swept forward in search of, not a draw, but a stylish climax to their coronation.

Two minutes after half-time and Uruguay's defence, organised and inspired by the towering centre-half Obdulio Varela, was eventually

Ademir and Zizinho combined and Friaca finished: 1-0 Brazil, and

#### Ecuador name squad

REUTERS, Quito

Ecuador included temperamental Argentina-based striker Ivan Kaviedes in their 23-man World Cup squad on Tuesday.

The Argentinos Juniors forward, who has also played club football in Italy, Spain, Mexico, England and Portugal, last appeared for his country in a 5-2 World Cup qualifying win over Paraguay in March

Kaviedes's disciplinary problems have restricted his appearances under Ecuador coach Luis Fernando Suarez.

The major absentee in the squad was Franklin Salas. Doctors said last month the striker would not recover from a knee operation in time for the tournament.

Ecuador have been drawn in Group A with hosts Germany, Poland and Costa Rica.

#### **SQUAD**

Goalkeepers: Edwin Villafuerte (Deportivo Quito), Cristian Mora (LDU), Damian Lanza (Aucas) Defenders: Ivan Hurtado (Al Arabi, Qatar), Geovanny Espinoza (LDU), Ulises de la Cruz (Aston Villa), Paul Ambrossi (LDU), Neicer Reasco (LDU), Jorge Guagua (El Nacional),

Jose Luis Perlaza (Olmedo) Midfielders: Marlon Ayovi (Deportivo Quito), Edwin Tenorio (Barcelona), Edison Mendez (LDU), Patricio Urrutia (LDU), Cristian Lara (El Nacional), Segundo Castillo (El Nacional), Luis Antonio Valencia (Recreativo Huelva, Spain), Luis Fernando Saritama (Deportivo

Forwards: Cristian Benitez (El Nacional), Felix Borja (El Nacional), Carlos Tenorio (Al Sadd, Qatar), Agustin Delgado (LDU), Ivan Kaviedes (Argentinos Juniors,

#### France squad on Sunday

REUTERS, Paris

France coach Raymond Domenech will name his 23-man World Cup squad on Sunday, a day before the deadline set by world ruling body FIFA, the French Football Federation (FFF) said on Tuesday.

Domenech has dropped no hints on who he will pick. There are a few question marks, notably over Arsenal's Robert Pires and Olympique Marseille's Franck Ribery, both attacking midfielders.

sion, FIFA president Jules Rimet had to improvise his presentation of the World Cup trophy.

"I found myself alone with the cup in my arms, not knowing what to do," Rimet said later. "I finally found Uruguay's captain, Varela, and I gave it to him practically without

letting anyone else see. "I held out my hand without saying a word," added Rimet, who 11 minutes remaining Ghiggia beat had a now useless pre-prepared speech congratulating Brazil tucked away in his pocket.

Varela, the first black player to The unthinkable had happened and Brazil were unable to do anycaptain his country and later thing about it. They attacked the renowned for his deep sense of social responsibility, spent the night Uruguayan goal unsuccessfully in the final minutes but the match was of the final drinking quietly in a Rio lost, and the silence inside the bar, consoling fans.

He later said that if he had known Shocked officials, players and beforehand the misery Uruguay's officials wandered around the pitch, victory would cause to the people of digesting the result. In the confu-Brazil, he would have preferred to

have lost

Arriving back at Montevideo airport, Uruguay's captain slipped away quietly from a victory party, raincoat lapels pulled up and a fedora covering his face.

Varela brought a second-hand Ford car with his prize money from the tournament. It was stolen a week later

In Brazil, the 1950 defeat has continued to haunt beaten goalkeeper Barbosa, roundly condemned for conceding the two goals.

Decades later, when the ageing keeper turned up to Brazil's training camp to wish the team good luck ahead of the USA '94 finals, he was

refused admission. "In Brazil, the most you can get for any crime is 30 years," he complained. 'For 43 years I've been paying for a crime I did not commit."

# Round 1, Draw in Rangpur

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HE WHO LAUGHS LAST: Dutch coach Marco Van Basten (L) watches striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy during the second day of a four-day training camp in Katwijk on Wednesday.