

DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE

Chile 1962: The Sorcerer's Apprentice

AGENCIES, undated

This long slim country had a population of less than eight million, only one stadium of any size, and was living in the aftermath of a giant earthquake two years earlier (May 21, 1960); a third of all buildings were damaged beyond repair. Yet the president of their FA, Carlos Dittborn, argued that they had to have the World Cup 'because we have nothing'. He died just before the tournament and the stadium in Arica was named after him. The economically crippled nation however defied the odds and put on a tournament that silenced the numerous critics.

Since 1958 the Brazilian team had broken up, then almost completely reformed. Zagallo had reclaimed his place from the explosive Pepe, Vava from the chubby-cheeked Coutinho. Didi was back from two wasted years at Real Madrid. Only the twin stoppers were missing, and even they'd been replaced by names from the past: Zozimo, a reserve in 1958, Mauro who'd won his first cap in 1949. The only question mark was one of age: six first choices were over 30. But Pele was just 21 and firmly established as the best in the world. They were obvious favourites.

The USSR had won all three matches on a tour of South America the previous year but still looked rather functional. Argentina had a new manager and a more defensive style. Yugoslavia, who'd finally struck Olympic gold after losing the previous three finals, had

Sekularac at his best and dangerous strikers in Galic and Jerkovic. Czechoslovakia's famous half-backs had muscled their way past Scotland in a play-off.

Spain and Italy tried to find instant success by padding their teams with foreigners. Spain picked Martinez from Paraguay, Santamaria from Uruguay, and none other than Puskas, who was now 36 but had just scored another

hattrick in a European Cup final. The great Argentinean Alfredo Di Stefano was in the squad but apparently injured. Italy had Maschio and Savori from Argentina and Altafini (of 1958 fame) and Sormani from Brazil, which should have added up to a dazzling forward line.

England had better players than in 1958: Armfield and Wilson arguably their best ever full-backs,

Charlton and Greaves up front--but all the play still went through Haynes and the impetus seemed to have gone.

As for the hosts, they had several players of international class or thereabouts, just enough to make them respectable opposition, but only in partnership with the Santiago crowd, one of the stars of the tournament.

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The Brazil team line up for an official photograph ahead of the World Cup final against Czechoslovakia on June 17, 1962 in the Nacional Stadium in Santiago, Chile.

Sweden squad named

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

Defenders: Erik Edman (Stade Rennes), Petter Hansson (Heerenveen), Teddy Lucic (BK Hacken), Olof Mellberg (Aston Villa), Karl Svensson (IFK Gothenburg), Mikael Nilsson (Panathinaikos), Fredrik Stenman (Bayer Leverkusen)

Midfielders: Daniel Andersson (Malmo), Niclas Alexandersson (IFK Gothenburg), Kim Kallstrom (Stade Rennes), Tobias Linderoth (FC Copenhagen), Christian Wilhelmsson (Anderlecht), Anders Svensson (Elfsborg), Fredrik Ljungberg (Arsenal)

Forwards: Marcus Allback (FC Copenhagen), Johan Elminder (Bronby), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Juventus), Mattias Jonson (Djurgarden), Henrik Larsson (Barcelona), Markus Rosenberg (Ajax Amsterdam)

Experience with a twist for Japan

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan coach Zico opted for experience in naming his World Cup squad on Monday, although he did add a twist with the bold inclusion of fringe striker Seiichiro Maki.

The Brazilian axed Yokohama's Tatsuhiro Kubo in favour of Maki in a bid to solve Japan's recent goal drought.

The 25-year-old Maki's selection drew gasps at a packed news conference when Zico read his name out last in announcing the 23-man squad.

Zico kept faith with former Sampdoria striker Atsushi Yanagisawa, who is still recovering from a broken metatarsal, and German-based forward Naohiro Takahara.

Celtic's Shunsuke Nakamura and Hidetoshi Nakata of Bolton Wanderers are among an experi-

enced group of midfielders for the World Cup in Germany.

Nakamura was left out of Japan's 2002 World Cup squad by former coach Philippe Troussier, while Takahara missed out after being struck down by a mystery lung infection.

"This is a team for the people of Japan -- a team the country can be proud of," Zico told reporters.

"We expect to be judged on our results. The buck stops with me."

Zico added that surprise call-up Maki, who has scored three goals in nine appearances for Japan, could be the team's X-factor in Germany.

"Kubo was not right physically and Maki is an interesting player who gives us another option," the 53-year-old said.

"He's shown he can be a threat in the penalty box."

Even Japan Football Association president Saburo Kawabuchi admit-

ted to being shocked by Maki's inclusion.

"I was as surprised as you," he smiled. "I had no idea of who was in or out either. But Maki has made an impact and given Japan a lift in the run up to the World Cup. I'm happy for him."

Eleven of the 23 were among the Japan squad who reached the last 16 under Frenchman Troussier as co-hosts four years ago.

Japan face a tough assignment to match that achievement, having been drawn alongside holders Brazil, Australia and Croatia in Group F.

"I have faced a lot of criticism in the last four years but I've done the job to the best of my ability and I think you will see the best of Japan in Germany," Zico added.

"Selecting this squad was the hardest thing I've done but it's the

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WC squads announced

REUTERS, undated

Other World Cup squad's announced yesterday:

Czech Republic

Goalkeepers: Jaromir Blazek (Sparta Prague), Petr Cech (Chelsea), Antonin Kinsky (Saturn Ramenskoye)

Defenders: Zdenek Grygera (Ajax Amsterdam), Marek Jankulovski (AC Milan), Martin Jiranek (Spartak Moscow), Radoslav Kovac (Spartak Moscow), Pavel Mares (Zenit St Petersburg), David Rozehnal (Paris St Germain), Tomas Ujfalusi (Fiorentina)

Midfielders: Tomas Galasek (Ajax Amsterdam), David Jarolim (Hamburg SV), Pavel Nedved (Juventus), Jaroslav Plasil (Monaco), Karel Poborsky (Ceske Budejovice), Jan Polak (Nuremberg), Tomas Rosicky (Borussia Dortmund), Vladimir Smicer (Girondins Bordeaux)

Forwards: Milan Baros (Aston Villa), Marek Heinz (Galatasaray), Jan Koller (Borussia Dortmund), Vratislav Lokvend (Red Bull Salzburg), Jiri Stajner (Hanover 96).

Switzerland

Goalkeepers: 1-Pascal Zuberbuehler (FC Basel), 21-Fabio Coltorti (Grasshoppers Zurich), 12-Diego Benaglio (CD Nacional)

Defenders: 2- Johan Djourou (Arsenal), 3-Ludovic Magnin (VfB Stuttgart), 4-Philippe Senderos (Arsenal), 13-Stephane Grichting (Auxerre), 17-Christoph Spycher (Eintracht Frankfurt), 19-Valon Behrami (Lazio), 20-Patrick Mueller (Olympique Lyon), 23-Philipp Degen (Borussia Dortmund)

Midfielders: 5-Xavier Margairaz (FC Zurich), 6-Johann Vogel (AC Milan), 7-Ricardo Cabanas (Cologne), 8-Raphael Wicky (Hamburg SV), 10-Daniel Gygax (Lille), 14-David Degen (FC Basel), 15-Blerim Dzemaili (FC Zurich), 16-Tranquillo Barnetta (Bayer Leverkusen)

Forwards: 9-Alex Frei (Rennes), 11-Marco Streller (Cologne), 18-Mauro Lustrinelli (Sparta Prague), 22-Johan Vonlanthen (NAC Breda).

Serbia & Montenegro

Goalkeepers: Dragoslav Jevric (Ankaraspor), Oliver Kovacevic (CSKA Sofia), Vladimir Stojkovic (Nantes)

Defenders: Goran Gavranic (Dynamo Kiev), Ivica Dragutinovic (Sevilla), Mladen Krstajic (Schalke), Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United), Milan Djuric (Red Star Belgrade), Nenad Djordjevic (Partizan Belgrade), Dusan Basta (Red Star Belgrade)

Midfield: Dejan Stankovic, (Inter Milan), Igor Duljaj (Shakhtar Donetsk), Predrag Djordjevic (Olympiakos Piraeus), Ognjen Koroman (Portsmouth), Albert Nadj (Partizan Belgrade), Sasa Ilic (Galatasaray), Zvonimir Vukic (Partizan Belgrade), Ivan Ergic (Basel)

Forwards: Savo Milosevic (Osasuna), Mateja Kezman (Atletico Madrid), Nikola Zigic (Red Star Belgrade), Danijel Ljuboja (VfB Stuttgart), Mirko Vucinic (Lecce).

Ukraine

Goalkeepers: Oleksander Shovkovsky (Dynamo Kiev), Andriy Pyatov (Vorskla Poltava), Bogdan Shust (Shakhtar Donetsk)

Defenders: Andriy Nesmachny (Dynamo Kiev), Vladyslav Vashchuk (Dynamo Kiev), Serhiy Fyodorov (Dynamo Kiev), Volodymyr Yesyeryk

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World braces for Zlatan

AP, Stockholm

Already considered one of Sweden's greatest players at 24, Zlatan Ibrahimovic could well become one of the world's best. He has the size and skills.

His temperament is another matter.

The Juventus striker is a defender's nightmare. At 6-foot-3, he knows how to use his height. He's also a gifted dribbler, a rare talent for someone that tall.

Ibrahimovic scored 16 goals in his first season with Juventus, helping the Turin team capture the Italian title last year.

But this season has been no easy ride. Critics questioned his place in the starting lineup after his scoring dried up in February after only six goals in Serie A. He then lost his place in the starting lineup to Alessandro Del Piero and didn't score again until last Sunday.

In Sweden, however, his spot as a starter is guaranteed, barring injury. He fits well with veteran striker Henrik Larsson, and there isn't any other forward who can match his skill in the

Swedish attack.

"Right now, they play so well together it's dangerous whenever one of them has the ball," Trinidad and Tobago coach Leo Beenhakker said, referring to Larsson and Ibrahimovic, whom he recruited to Ajax in 2001. "Those two guys are not just fantastic individual players, they also understand each other incredibly well."

Added Sweden coach Lars Lagerback: "Juventus have had a



ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC

very tough period when things have gone badly, and then it's not easy for Zlatan, Del Piero or (David) Trezeguet to shine. If you look at Zlatan today, he is a significantly better football player than he was two years ago, when he was a success in the European Championships. He has become stronger both physically and mentally."

Born in a troubled immigrant neighborhood of Malmo to a Croatian mother and Bosnian father, Ibrahimovic is somewhat of a misfit on the homogenous Swedish team. His me-first personality jars with Swedish traditions of teamwork, modesty and sportsmanship.

Yet the Swedish fans love him. Ibrahimovic performs tricks on the field no other player wearing the nation's yellow-and-blue jersey would even dream of.

In Euro 2004 in Portugal, his acrobatic back-heel goal in Sweden's 1-1 tie with Italy was one of the tournament's highlights. In his last game with Ajax Amsterdam before joining Juve, he dribbled

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2006 Round 1, Draw in Rangpur
 Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- The **RANGS TOSHIBA** World Cup Quiz 2006 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Germany from June 9 to July 9.
- There will be **FIVE** rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.
- 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**.
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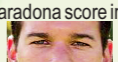
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2nd	One Toshiba Refrigerator	GRM-19BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Washing Machine	VH-7200	YOU
4th	Ten Canon Cameras	BF-800	YOU
5th	Twenty Toshin Irons		and YOU

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"/>
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An Ivory Coast supporter plays with a ball on Monday in Koumassi, a popular district of Abidjan, in front of his home decorated with pictures of Elephants, an Ivory Coast flag and a board showing the number of days left for their first match in the World Cup.

BITS AND BOBS

D&G to dress Italy

REUTERS, Milan

Italian fashion house Dolce & Gabbana will dress Italy's national team off the field during the 2006 World Cup in Germany, echoing other designers who are capitalising on the football craze.

Players will be wearing dark blue, hand-made satin suits, dark blue ties featuring Italy's flag and dark blue cotton shirts for formal occasions, and a blazer-and-denim jeans outfit for more casual events, Dolce & Gabbana said in a statement.

Dolce & Gabbana are taking over from Neil Barrett, who together with sportswear group Puma designed Italy's formal wear for Euro 2004.

Sport-and-fashion projects are becoming increasingly popular as design houses launch their own sportswear brands and sportswear firms hire big Couture names for special collections.

Germany's team will be wearing Gabriele Strehler's Strenesse label off the field during the June 9-July 9 World Cup, while Giorgio Armani has been dressing England's football players for several years.

Coupet at a loss

INTERNET, undated

Gregory Coupet was at a loss to explain the reasons behind his failure to dislodge Fabien Barthez

as France's number one goalkeeper for this summer's World Cup in Germany.

Barthez was named by coach Raymond Domenech as Les Bleus first-choice custodian for the showpiece, even though Coupet, 33, had been tipped to claim the jersey after completing an impressive season with domestic champions Lyon.

Coupet made himself a regular first-teamer with France while Barthez served a six-month ban in 2005 for spitting at a referee on club duty with Marseille.

But Domenech ruined his World Cup dreams on Sunday, justifying his decision to select the 34-year-old Barthez as his first-choice goalkeeper by claiming he gave priority to experience.

Coupet has been left inconsolable, however, and said on Canal Plus: "What truly motivated this decision?"

"I am waiting for an explanation. When I was told I would be number two, I did not even try to ask any questions."

"Whatever happens now, the chance to take part in the World Cup will be given to Fabien."

"If the coach believes he deserves it more than me, then fine. But I have a lot of reasons to be perplexed haven't I?"

"From now until the week in Tignes (from May 21), I will try to protect myself as much as I can.

"I will stay with my wife and my kids to be able to think calmly."

Basten sympathises with Huntelaar

INTERNET, undated

Holland coach Marco van Basten has challenged Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to prove he was wrong after omitting the freescoring Ajax forward from his squad for the World Cup.

Huntelaar was the leading scorer in the Eredivisie with 33 goals for Ajax and former club Heerenveen in the 2005/06 season but, despite his lack of international experience, his admission was a shock in light of recent remarks by van Basten that implied that Huntelaar would be making the trip to Germany.

Van Basten was the first to admit that the 22-year-old Huntelaar could consider himself unfortunate. The coach said: "He (Huntelaar) has bad luck with us as technical staff. We just select players in this way. I have said this from the start."

Van Basten was full of praise for Huntelaar's attitude and admitted he might be left with egg on his face if the striker scores goals for the Under-21 side in the European Championships for that age group in Portugal this summer.

"He is a cheerful, funny, balanced guy who did well during the

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