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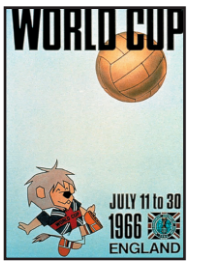


DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE



England 1966: Wingless Wonders

AGENCIES, undated



"Most certainly," said Alfred Ernest Ramsey using that phrase of his, "Most certainly England will win the World Cup." The man with a legendary aversion to the press had provided them with their juiciest quote Presumably had have taken it back, given the chance. But no there it was on record-- a rod for his own back.

The game returned to its roots 103 years after its creation when the World Cup came to England in 1966, at a time when the Beatles and the mini-skirt were at the height of their popularity.

There was panic amongst the organisers when the Jules Rimet trophy was stolen six months before the opening match.

A dog by the name of Pickles came to the rescue, finding the treasured mug buried in a garden in the suburbs of London and getting Scotland Yard off the hook.

The English had a good team in the making, enough at least to fortify Alf Ramsey's optimism.

Bobby Moore, now the captain, was still making the occasional crass mistake but had matured into probably the best defender in the world and the rest of the back four was now in place. Ray Wilson still there, George Cohen a robust new right back, Jack Charlton winning his first cap at 30. Charlton's brother Bobby had moved into midfield, when in saw more of the ball but didn't quite look the part of playmaker Greaves recovered well enough from hepatitis to score four goals in a warm up international.

Ramsey was on the way to making revolutionary changes to his team as evidenced by his tactical foresight. After some poor results in friendlies, on a freezing December night in Madrid, Ramsey sent out a team with (gasp!) no wingers. The 2-0 result to England was a lucky one for Spain and it was the first time that the term "wingless wonders" wasn't used in derision by Spanish coach Jose Villalonga.

Amongst the other teams, Italy were devastating at home but far less convincing away. West Germany, who'd shown their mettle by winning in Sweden after drawing at home had Seeler up front, new stars in midfield and several players from the Borussia Dortmund team which had just beaten Liverpool in the Cup Winners Cup final. Argentina won the little World Cup in Brazil beating the hosts (1-0) England and Portugal, then recalled the dreaded Lorenzo as manager. The Portuguese, heavily reliant on Benfica had qualified for the first time by putting out the 1962 finalists Czechoslovakia, the only goal in Bratislava scored by Eusebio, the European Footballer

of the Year. The USSR were strong again.

Meanwhile, Brazil seemed to believe the Cup was now theirs by right. All they needed was to resuscitate some of the veterans from 1962 and even 1958. So out went the young Carlos Alberto and Djalma Dias back Game Bellini (new 36) and Orlando, in stayed Djalma Santos (37), Gylmar (35), Zito (33) and an injury prone Garrincha. There were some promising newcomers in Jairzinho, Gerson, Tostao, the 16 year-old Edu but their time hadn't yet come. As in 1962, Pele was the one great hope, still very much the best in the world but there was no Amarildo to act as deputy-- he'd been dropped too. "There is only one way to describe Brazil 1966 World Cup effort and that is to openly declare that from the beginning it was a total and unmitigated disaster," Pele's words and England fans wanted to believe them.

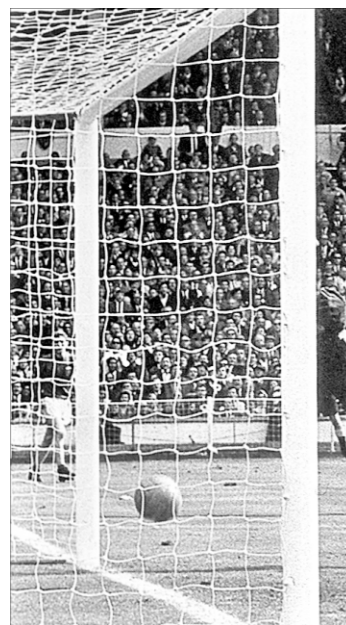


PHOTO: STAR FILE
 THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT: The volleyed effort by Geoff Hurst (C) that beats Tilkowski (L) and comes down on the goalline off the bar. Willi Schulz (R) lies on his back and contemplates what could have been.

And the first round threw up the surprise that the rest of the world had been hoping for; when the holders Brazil crashed out of the competition although they were obviously hindered by the absence of Pele who was once again the victim of harsh tackling. Eusebio gave Portugal reason

to brag about their football rather than their rough play, finding the net on nine occasions to walk off with the title of top scorer.

North Korea and their striker Pak Doo Ik stunned two-time champions Italy 1-0, ending their run at the first hurdle for the third consecutive World Cup.

The quarter-final between England and Argentina was a messy affair.

West German referee Rudolf Kreitlein sent off the visitors captain Rattin just before the hour mark, but the moody South

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Stealth boots for Maki

AFP, Tokyo

Little known Japanese forward Seichiro Maki, a surprise choice in Zico's World Cup squad, is plotting to become more invisible with "stealth" feet -- in a pair of all-green boots.

Maki, a 25-year-old striker with J-League side JEF United Chiba, will don the footwear in Germany where it has been secretly developed by German-based maker Puma, sports dailies here reported Wednesday.

His new boots, bright green and extremely light with a vinyl-like material, are hard to distinguish from the green pitch. Maki has been using white boots of similar design and material, the reports said.

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The beautiful death!

AFP, Paris

Health experts are sounding a cautionary note about the World Cup finals, saying that some matches could be quite literally heart-stopping.

Cardiac arrests, drunk-driving, fan violence, wife-beating, binge boozing, smoking, gorging on fatty snacks with no exercise, even suicide -- all of these phenomena surge during the world's most-watched sporting contest.

In the 1998 World Cup, the number of heart attacks in Britain rose by 25 percent when England lost to Argentina in a penalty shootout, according to a study in the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

Compared with admissions for the same day in previous years, 55 more people were treated for a heart stoppage as a result of the match, say the University of Birmingham researchers.

They suggest in all seriousness that it might be advisable "on public health grounds" to scrap shootouts altogether.

Another study, carried out in the Netherlands, found there were an

extra 14 male deaths, an increase of 50 percent, on the day when the Dutch team were knocked out of the European championships by France in 1996.

Depression, violence and self-harm are also well-known outcomes of football matches and they peak during World Cup, especially as the competition heads towards its climactic stages.

Since the first post-World War II World Cup in 1950 -- when several Brazilians killed themselves after their team suffered a shock defeat to Uruguay -- every tournament has brought a sad harvest of suicides among over-wrought fans and now-familiar tales of punch-ups.

But one intriguing discovery is that the risk of violence is greater if a team has won the game, rather than lost it.

Vas Sivarajasingam, a researcher into social violence at Cardiff University in Wales, found that the number of assault cases admitted to the city's hospital rose during national rugby and football matches.

When Wales won its matches, the average number of assault injuries was 33 -- but when it lost, the

average dropped to 25. A win may boost assertiveness and a misguided sense of patriotism, a mix that could become explosive when added to booze, says Sivarajasingam.

"Winning is likely to be associated with the celebratory downing of alcohol, a factor that is well-known to increase the risk of violence," he suggests.

Even for those with sound hearts and who stay at home to watch the match, there could be a long-term risk.

While the men on the pitch are cosseted with a fine diet and a rigorous exercise regime, many of the men watching them are addicts of artery-clogging snacks, whose concept of the Mediterranean diet is to order pizza with extra oregano.

In the last World Cup, Thailand's deputy public health minister, Surapong Suebwonglee, raised widespread sniggers by urging couch potatoes to drink pure water and herbal tea and refrain from beer, crisps, sausages, dips and other salty or sugary snacks.

BITS AND BOBS

Lahm has surgery

AP, Sardinia

Germany defender Philipp Lahm had elbow surgery Wednesday, but is expected to be fit for the World Cup next month.

German team officials said Lahm would be back training within two weeks.

He partially tore ligaments and tendons in his left elbow during a practice match Tuesday, shortly before coach Juergen Klinsmann's squad flew to southern Sardinia, where Germany began preparations for the World Cup.

"He had an operation today in Munich and the way things look now, he'll be released tomorrow," assistant coach Joachim Loew said. "He will get a brace and he should be able to start jogging in three days. After 14 days, we expect him to start practicing with the team if all goes well."

"Right now, we assume he'll be at the World Cup."

The 22-year-old Bayern Munich defender landed awkwardly while

playing a 60-minute practice match against amateur side Luckenwalde in Mannheim on Tuesday. The team later traveled without him to Italy. Germany won the match 7-0.

Host Germany kicks off the World Cup against Costa Rica in Munich on June 9.

Germany already has two injured players in the squad -- defender Christoph Metzelder and midfielder Sebastian Kehl, both of Borussia Dortmund. Kehl has an ankle injury and Metzelder tore a muscle in his calf.

Demichelis 'loses will to live'

REUTERS, Berlin

Bayern Munich midfielder Martin Demichelis says he has lost the will to live after missing out on a place in Argentina's World Cup squad.

"It's not only that I don't have any desire to play anymore -- I don't have any desire to live," Demichelis was quoted in German media as telling an Argentine television network.

Demichelis, 25, was unexpect-

edly dropped by Argentina coach Jose Pekerman when he named his 23-man squad on Monday.

Demichelis moved to Bayern in 2003 from River Plate and has become a bulwark in front of the defence, helping the team win two championships and two German cups in the last two years.

Argentina are grouped with the Netherlands, Ivory Coast and Serbia & Montenegro in the World Cup finals in Germany which begin on June 9.

No running onto stadiums!

AP, Berlin

German World Cup organizers will put officials in the front rows of most stadiums in an effort to stop people from running onto the field and interrupting games.

The German organizing committee said Tuesday the move was an attempt to prevent a repeat of

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Germany have no chance: Pfister

REUTERS, The Netherlands

Hosts Germany have no chance of winning the World Cup because of their lack of skill, according to Togo's German coach Otto Pfister.

"Germany have no chance. I don't think they can even get to the final, or even the semi-final," said Pfister, who took over as Togo coach in February.

"I think if they get to the quarter-final they do very well," he told Reuters in an interview.

"It's quite simple, you need skill and Germany doesn't have that. (Brazil coach) Carlos Alberto Parreira has another problem, he has to think who is on the bench."

"Germany don't even know who to put on the pitch."

Togo will make their World Cup debut at the finals beginning on June 9. They are grouped with France, Switzerland and South Korea.

"It's difficult for us, our players are playing all over the place in Europe and even now we are still waiting for players to arrive. I only met the players for the first time on Thursday," he said.

Despite the difficult preparations, Pfister thinks anything can happen.

"You have the rankings, Brazil number one ... Togo number 59, Switzerland number, I don't know. It doesn't matter on the day, anyone can beat anyone on their day," he said.

Pfister has coached six African national sides and steered Ghana to the African Nations Cup final in 1992.

The 67-year-old took over from Nigerian Stephen Keshi after a disappointing African Nations Cup where Togo failed to score a single goal.

"I was not trainer during the African Nations Cup. I have been trainer since February 10 and everything before that doesn't concern me. I start at zero and we reinforce the team," he said.

Togo were the first squad to arrive in Germany on Monday and will play their first match against South Korea in Frankfurt on June 13.

"The fact we play Korea first will help, but on paper nothing matters. If we get the group together and they play well, then the second round is a possibility for us," Pfister said.

He was disappointed that Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor, scorer of 11 goals for Togo in qualification, will not join the squad until Friday due to the Champions League final.

The striker will not take part in Wednesday's final against Barcelona because he is cup-tied, having played for Monaco earlier in the competition.

"I think he has the potential to make a mark on the finals in Germany. He has terrific pace and skill, a special player," the former Senegal and Ivory Coast coach said.



PHOTO: INTERNET
 Models present Bavarian traditional 'Dirndl' dresses for female fans at the upcoming World Cup tournament, in Munich on Wednesday.

2006 Round 1, Draw in Rangpur

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

A. The **2006 Rangos Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2006** is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Germany from June 9 to July 9.

B. There will be **FIVE** rounds of competition.

C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGOS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.

D. Participants of all the **FIVE** rounds will automatically qualify for the **Bumper Draw**, which will have even bigger prizes.

E. For each round, a set of questions including a photographic quiz will be published in **The Daily Star**.

F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in **The Daily Star**.

G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from **The Daily Star** office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.

H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

Rules

1. Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in **Rangos Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2006**. Employees of and **Rangos Toshiba** and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.

2. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in **The Daily Star**. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.

4. Participants are to put a tick () mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.

5. A person may send numerous entries for each round. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

6. 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.

7. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

8. 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.

9. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "2006 World Cup Quiz 1".

10. Entries may be hand delivered or posted to **The Daily Star**, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

11. 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.

12. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.

13. 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**.

14. 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.

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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 Toshi Irons		and YOU

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by 8pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Rangpur	May 05	May 18	May 23
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 RANGOS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 1 Ends May 18, 2006

Tick () the correct answers

- How many teams will make their World Cup debut in Germany? 10 6 8
- Which team finished third in the 2002 World Cup? Turkey Senegal Spain
- Who won the golden boot in the 1998 World Cup? Vieri Batistuta Suker
- How many goals did Maradona score in the 1986 World Cup final? 1 2 0
- Who is this player: Morientes Ballack Shevchenko

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

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Write with a ballpoint pen in clear **BLOCK** letters.
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