

Brazilian football star Pele holds up the World Cup trophy. The trophy is part of the World - AFP photo

Asia to arrange champions'

tourney

NEW YORK, Dec 8: Asia is planning to organise a quadrangular intercontinental tournament involving the champions of South America, Africa, Asia and North and Central America, reports Reuter.

The International Football Federation (FIFA) on Saturday gave the go-ahead for the tournament which will probably be staged next year.

The date and venue have not vet been fixed.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said Asian champions Saudi Arabia, 1991 South American title winners Argentina and the United States, who recently won the gold cup for North and Central American countries, had all

agreed to play. They would be joined by the winners of January's African championships.

Red Star lift Toyota Club Cup



Colo Colo of Chile 3-0, despite

losing their best player after

Pinpoint finishing and su-

perb discipline enabled the

champions of Europe to over-

come the energetic and skilful

South Americans, who were

never able to turn possession

and forward Dejan Savicevic.

star players of the first half,

was sent off for pushing Miguel

off in a World Club

Championship game since the

competition moved to neutral

lose a player like that," Red

10 players played like 11."

"It was very hard for us to

Star coach Vladimir Popovic

LONDON, Dec 8

Free-scoring Le-

eds and Manch-

ester United

powered further

ahead in the Eng-

lish soccer league with

emphatic victories on

Coventry 4-0, while leaders

Leeds won 2-0 at bottom club

3-1 at Aston Villa, the leading

gap between the new third-

placed club Sheffied

Wednesday, 3-0 winners at

Leeds have 42 points fol-

Luton battle well in the first

lowed by United, who have a

game in hand, on 41 with

half with Leeds but goals by

Rodney Wallace and Gary

Speed within two minutes

midway through the second

half gave the visitors the

stretched against Coventry.

racing into a 3-0 halftime lead

with goals from Steve Bruce.

Neil Webb and Brian McClair.

were never

Wednesday moving up to 32.

home to Chelsea.

pair have opened up a huge

United demolished

With Manchester City losing

Saturday, reports Reuter.

Luton.

into goals.

Tokyo in 1980.

43 minutes, reports Reuter.

perfect pass from Savicevic inside the penalty box, took a stride and slid the ball into the Red Star were the better

side in the first half, creating more chances, but were stunned when Savicevic was sent of after what Red Star fans said was provocation by Ramirez on a player known to

have a quick temper. Savicevic kicked the halfway line flag in disgust as he walked off the field and was hustled into the dressing

In the 43rd minute, captain In the first four minutes of the second half, Swiss referee Kurt Rothlisberger booked two Ramirez in an incident off the Red Star players, midfielder Sinisa Mahailovic and defender He was the first player sent Goran Vasilijevic, and the game was open for Colo Colo to take over.

> But in the 59th minute. Jugovic scored his second from close in after a fine move down the right and a cross by Vlada Stosic.

told a news conference. "We The Chileans piled on the pressure but centre-forward did not change our tactics. Our Patricio Yanez squandered Midfielder Vladimir Jugovic their best chance in the 68th

As the Chileans moved forward they left a big hole on the right for Mihajlovic, who crossed to Darko Panchev who scored easily from seven me-

tres in the 72nd minute. "They deserved their win." said Colo Colo coach Mirko Jozic. "We had much possession but were not able to make good use of it. We put too much emphasis on individual

play. That was a mistake." At the final whistle, 60,000 enthusiastic fans saluted the Red Star team, who ran round the field waving a Yugoslav flag given them by one of the 1,000 fans who flew here in three jumbo jets.

"You cannot know how. much this means to Yugoslavia," said an emotional Red Star fan. "Who scored two goals - Jugovic, he bears the name of our country."

Red Star's team included Serbs. Macedonians and Monienegrins but no Croats. Jozic was careful to avoid

any provocation after the game: "During the game, I did not think anything of the war. I feel very sorry that some peo-

heart, I think of those members of my family who are still

Red Star's triumph was the more remarkable because they played without five of the 1 men who won the European Cup in May with a 5-3 victory over Olympique Marseilles on penalties. Four members of that side have been transferred

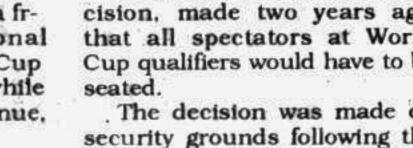
and one was out through in-"It will be the same next year." lamented one Red Star fan. "We will lead the league and then half our team will be

TEAMS:

RED STAR BELGRADE -Zvonko Milojevic, Dusko Radinovic, Goran Vaslijevic, Miodrag Belodedic, Ilija Najdoski, Vladimir Jugovic Vlada Stosic, Milorad Ratkovic," Dejan Savicevic, Sinisa Mihajlovic, Darko Panchev.

COLO COLO - Jose Dantel Moron, Lizardo Garrido, Javier Margas. Miguel Ramirez, Agustin Salvatierra (Ricardo Dabrowski 65th), Gabriel Mendoza, Eduardo Villehes, Marcelo Barticciotto, Jaime Pizarro, Patricio Yanez, Ruben Martinez (Hugo Rubio 61st)

opened the scoring in the ple in Yugoslavia have lost their minute when he shot straight Federation (FIFA) Pele and Franz Beckenbauer. exist as a country. 19th minute when he took a at the goalkeeper. life because of the war. In my FIFA also confirmed its de-"We wait for the political sion Saturday bar-AP from New York adds. red Yugoslavia frcision, made two years ago, Manchester, Leeds extend lead FIFA has not made any precautuation to develop," said FIFA om playing international that all spectators at World tionary plans for the breakup Press Officer Guido Tognoni.



1985 Heysel disaster in took the decision in New York on the eve of the draw for the

> diums which were not allseated but that no tickets could be sold for standing ar-

RECORD FIELD

A record 141 countries go into the draw, which will be televised live in 50 countries at 1800 GMT.

of Yugoslavia in regards to World Cup qualifying and will not permit a substitute for the 1994 tournament, an official of the soccer's governing body said Saturday.

Yugoslavia will be drawn into one of six European groups, but Blatter and other officials said no provision has been made if the country disintegrates into several independent republics. Thousands of people have been killed in Yugoslavia in the five-monthold fighting between the breakaway republic of Croatia and the Serb-dominated fed-

eral army. The situation could force

soccer officials to scramble if Yugoslavia begins the qualifying procedure, but then ceases to

"It is the same as we did with the Soviet Union."

FIFA will announce the host for the 1998 World Cup on July 1. Three nations are still in the running: France. Switzerland and Morocco.

In other matters, FIFA still has not definitely decided whether or not the championship game of the 1994 World Cup will be replayed if it ends in a draw.

American organizers of the tournament, World Cup USA 1994, have requested a replay to make the final more palatable to a US audience. Blatter said that there will

not be a replay as of now, but Tognoni said that decision may change. Any change must come by this summer. Also, FIFA confirmed that

all spectators to qualifying games for the 1994 tournament must be seated and terrace sections cannot be used for standing areas.

The regulation was first announced two years ago following the Hillsborough Stadium tragedy, where 95 people were crushed to death on a terrace section at the FA Cup semifinal game in Sheffield, England.

"It's for security reasons, FIFA President Joap Havalenge said. He added FIFA was trying to avoid 'an avalanche of fans.'

And in one other matter.

Havalenge said he has written

to International Olympic

Committee President Juan

Antonio Samaranch, urging

him to consider introducing

women's soccer to the

was not possible for the 1996

Games because the competi-

tion has already been decided.

but it is possible for 2000 and

beat Norway 2-1 to win the

First FIFA Women's Soccer

Championship in China before

The United States last week

we'll see how that develops."

"The response was that it

Summer Games.

a crowd of 65,000.

Indian soccer WOMEN IN OLYMPICS chief blames

points.

WB govt

CALCUTTA, Dec 8 : Mr Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi, president of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), yesterday criticised the West Bengal ad ministration and the city police for allegedly harassing and torturing officials of the

Mohameddan Sporting Club, reports PTI. The AIFF president told PT here that he had received a representation from the president of the Mohameddan Sporting Club in this regard and said that he would take up

the matter with the state gov-

ernor and the Chief Minister. Mr. Dasmunshi also said that the Club officials led by its general secretary. Mir Mohammed Omer, had immensely contributed to sport and the game in particular in

They may not submit to the whims of the state government to maintain the autonomy of the Club but that does not mean that they should be harassed by the police," he

Mark Hughes put the icing on the cake nine minutes from

Struggling Liverpool, humiliated at Third Division Peterborough in the League Cup on Tuesday, drew 1-1 at Southampton thanks to a 74th minute strike from league debutant Jamie Redknapp, son of Harry Redknapp, the former West Ham winger and present manager at Third Division Bournemouth.

Leeds gradually took control at Luton, but it was 68 minutes before Wallace made it count, the winger hitting the roof of the net with a fine shot after the home defence failed to deal with a throw-in.

Two minutes later Gary Speed took advantage of a defensive lapse to hit the target with a perfect strike.

Manchester United snuffed out Coventry with three goals in a 14-minute spell which had the Old Trafford fans in rap-

The first came after 13 minutes when a free kick from Ryan Giggs worked it's way through for Bruce to knock home from close range. Seven minutes later a su

perb through ball from Gary

Pallister sent Webb away and the midfield star calmly lifted his shot over the advancing goalkeeper.

Coventry looked in Real trouble whenever United attacked, and in the 27th minute when they failed to clear a corner from gigs. McClair scored from virtually under the bar.

Gughes's second half strike was United's 21st league goal at home this season.

Sheffield Wednesday moved into third place thanks to two goals from David Hirst on his 24th birthday and an 89th minuted effort from Paul Williams. The only blot on the performance came when Nigel Worthington and Chelsea goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock were sent off in the 66th minute after they clashed. Manchester City, dumped

out of the League Cup by Division Second Middlesbrough in Midseck. failed to lift their game at Aston Villa and were sunk by goals from Cyrille Regts. Dwight Yorke and Tony Daley. David White scored the lone city goal

Liverpook's Grobbelaar, blamed for the

season. Then Javier Villaroya

Peterborough disaster, made some amends with excellent saves at Southampton, but could do nothing about Alan Shearer's 54th minute goal.

Redknapp, 19, came on as substitute and spared the blushes for Liverpool with an easy tap-in goal 16 minutes from time.

Merseyside neighbours Everton enjoyed a much better day, thrashing West Ham 4-0: The last goal came from Mo Johnston, his first since his expensive move last month

lead over Rangers, who beat St Oohnstone 3-1 Soviet midfielder Alexei

ahead two minutes before half-

57th minute equaliser from Vinnie Arkings. John Brown lifted the champions back into the lead with a powerful volley in 77 minutes and Mark Hateley wrapped it up in the

Cantona loses temper again

Cantona was sent off after throwing the ball at the referee's face 10 minutes before the end of an ill-tempered match which ended in a 1-1

St Etienne had lost defender Jean-Pierre Cyprien as early as the 15th minute when

midway trough the second-half after a ferocious tackle by

Pirerre Haon. The match ended in confu-

before the break.

was banned from the French squad in 1988 for insulting then-manager Henri Michel. He was also sacked by Marseille for throwing his jersey in anger in a friendly in

start of the season after stormy spells at Mont-Pellier and Bordeaux. Toulon's Andre Blance was

also sent off on Saturday during a 3.0 home defeat by Auxerre. A record 45 red cards have been handed out by refere ees in the French league this

three-point lead in the league over closest rivals Monaco de spite a second consecutive goalless draw at Metz.

who have a game in hand have 30 points. Monaco are second on 27 after drawing 0.0 with Rennes. Three countries

barred from Winter Olympics

next February have told Singapore, Ethiopia and Uganda they cannot take part, reports AFP of the

Organisers

FIFA bans int'l games in Y'slavia Blatter said no new facts be held outside FIFA headquarhad been presented to justify ters in Zurich will feature socreconsideration of the quescer personalities including

> Cup qualifiers would have to be The decision was made on security grounds following the

Brussels which claimed 39 Blatter said qualifying matches could be held in sta-

The first qualifying draw to

FIFA readmits Baltics NEW YORK, Dec 8 : The football governing body.

onia, Latvia and Lithuania in time to enter the next World Cup, but turned down applications from

Ukraine, reports AFP. The Baltic states were given provisional membership to be confirmed by the FIFA

proper experience after 50 years of isolation," said Latvian Football Federation president Vladmir Leskov after the FIFA

new stadium at Riga," he

added All three republics took part in World Cup qualifying competitions before the sec-

Americans were barred from the World Cup after goalkeeper Croatia, which wants indepen-Roberto Rojas feigned injury dence from Yugoslavia, and the and the team left the pitch in a

Georgia and Ukraine were rejected by the executive, which officially requested extra information.

> FIFA sources said it was unlikely they would be readmitted until they get wider international recognition.

> The committee also decided that a ban on holding internationals in Yugoslavia, applied by the European governing body UEFA, will be extended to all FIFA sanctioned contests.

on organising internationally recognised football matches in Kuwait and Lebanon, but kept a ban on Iraq in force since the invasion of Kuwait. Iraq will still be allowed to

test for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States, but all its home matches will be played in another country. The executive ruled that

Congress.

sent to South Africa.

The committee lifted bans

take part in the qualifying con-

South Africa, suspended by the FIFA Congress in 1976, could only be readmitted by the

The world body has told South African officials that they must complete talks for a single multi-racial governing body before a study mission can be

Dortmund tops Bundesliga table half to cancel out defender

> transfer from Leverkusen. Munich coach Soren Lerby dropped German international midfielder Stefan Effenberg for Saturday's match after he made uncomplimentary remarks about the Bayern organ-

isation in national newspapers.

Gordon Pirie passes away

LYMINGTON, England, Dec 8 : Gordon Pire, the 1956 Olympic 10,000m silver medallist and triple world record-holder has died here after a long illness. He was 60, reports AFP.

Pirie, remembered as much for his brushes with authority as his exploits on the track. the state.

to his old club.

match for Madrid.

Fernando Hierro ran on to a cross from Michel Gonzalez to flick home his 11th goal of the

them in Barcelona.

been empowered by the IOC Executive Board to accept Slovenia once the republic receives political recognition from the world's most powerful nations.

IOC recognition in time for Albertville, Slovenian skiers might still be allowed to compete under the Olympic flag.

countries - Uganda, Singapore and Sri Lanka - have been rejected because they have no' legitimate winter sports ath-

ing prize money to Alpine skiers in Albertville. "In one word : no," he said

their record breaking streak Romanian Gheorghe Hagi with an emphatic 4-1 win over added a fourth in the 72nd Real Sociedad on Saturday. minute before Yugoslav Meho reports Reuter.

Real Madrid in real form

Real, who now have 25 points from a possible 26 this season, outgunned their Basque rivals in every department and never gave Sociedad coach John Toshack a glimmer of hope of a triumphant return

International defender Manuel Sanchis opened the scoring in the 37th minute. deftly wrongfooting the Real Sociedad defence to net with

Two goals in two minutes in the second half sealed the

After 52 minutes midfielder

intercepted a pass in his own Spanish league half and ran 70 metres to beat Madrid extended goalkeeper Jose Luis Gonzalez with a low left foot shot.

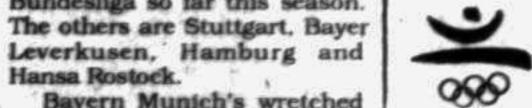
Kodro gave Real Sociedad some consolation with a crashing 25-metre free kick 10 minutes from the end.

> Champions Barcelona con tinued their revival with a remarkable 5-3 win over Tenerife. They scored three of four goals in the final eight

The springboard for Barcelona's big finish was a hand injury suffered by Tenerife goalkeeper Austin Rodrigues, who had to go off in the 82nd minute.

Hapless substitute Manole Lopex conceded three goals in six minutes before Tenerife some justice to the scoreline with a last-minute goal.

Samaranch for a jt Soviet Olympic squad government ministries which



Bayern Munich's wretched season continued when they lost 2-1 former East German his support for a joint Soviet champions Hansa Rostock. team at next year's Barcelona They have won six of their 21 Games, but said breakaway Soviet republics would gain Champtons Katserslautern, Olympic recognition if they

lying fourth, also lost a chance to put pressure on the leaders when they were held to a goalless draw at lowly Bochum. But Bayer Leverkusen made amends for some recent poor performances by thrashing

bottom club Wattenscheid 6-1. Midfielder Andreas Fischer Samaranch told a news conferhit a hat-trick and former East German international ULF The policy we are following Kirsten helped himself to two with Yugoslavia, we will follow

Samaraneh, president of Cologne were reduced to 10 Committee (IOC), said on Friday that a two-year freeze on granting IOC recognition to of Slovenia and Croatia.

also with the Soviet Union."

If the two gained political recognition at an upcoming European Community summit in the Netherlands, it was still possible that Slovenia. -- an Alpine republic with a strong

February's Albertville Winter

Samaranch is known to be keen to avoid the break up of the powerful Soviet Olympic team and has invited the 12 Soviet republics to IOC headquarters to settle questions such as a new flag and anthem for a joint team at Barcelona.

he was "unhappy with the situ-He added: "The only interest we have is that as many athletes as possible from the

Barcelona. According to March Hodler, president of the International Ski Federation (FIS), Slovenian athletes might compete in

Soviet Union come to

"We were considering using Hodler told the news confer-

The FIS was one of a num-

ber of winter sports federa-

tions that met the IOC's executive board on Saturday morning ahead of the Albertville Games. The meeting heard progress reports by the organisers of both Albertville and the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Samaranch said a record 59

countries would take part in

Albertville, two more than took

part in Calgary, Canada in But he said a new blood testing procedure to detect

matter, that there would be no objections on religious, moral or human rights grounds.

commission has also agreed to the new tests, which will complement traditional urine But although IOC medical

chief Prince Alexander De Merode has said the tests could be introduced very quickly, Samaranch said their use at Albertville would be premature. Meanwhile, an earlier AP Saturday. Juan Antonio Samaranch. president of the International

Olympic Committee, and Vitaly

Smirnov, chief of the Soviet

Olympic Committee, expressed confidence that Soviet athletes will compete as planned in Albertville and Barcelona. There will be no problem, said Smirnov. "I am absolutely convinced." Doubts over Soviet participation were raised after the

the state system of 25,000 athletes and 12,000 coaches operating. Samaranch said he was "unhappy and surprised" at the

separate body from Gossport. which is coordinating plans for Olympic competition. Smirnov, who also is an IOC

vice president, said the impact of Gossport's closure was being There have been about 50

have been abolished," he said in an interview. "You can imagine if the ministry of transportation is liquidated it doesn't mean that railways will not be existing. "It's nonsense, of course,

the way to subsidize preparation for the Olympic Games. have no doubts about that." Samaranch said Gossport's activities would be taken up by the individual Soviet republics

Soviet empire, the 12 republics - minus the newly-independent Baltic states agreed last month to send joint teams to both Olympic Games in 1992. Samaranch reiterated

Saturday that all was settled

for Albertville : the team will

medal ceremonies.

In another case involving a dismembered country, Samaranch left open the possibility that the breakaway Yugoslav republic of Slovenia could compete as an independent nation in Albertville. Samaranch said he had

If Slovenia does not receive

Applications from three letes.

the first time this season. Downhillers had threatened to boycott Saturday's race in Val D'isere. France, unless they were offered the same prize money as that given to slalom competitors in Utah last month.

from Glasgow Rangers. In Scotland, leaders hearts cruised to a 2-0 win at bottom club Dunfermline and retained their two-point premier league

Mikhailichenko put Rangers

But saints hit back with a dying seconds.

PARIS. Dec 8 : Eric Cantona, France's most controversial player, lost his temper again in an incident-ridden league match between Nimes and St Etienne on Saturday. reports Reuter.

he was shown the red card for a foul on Nimes Gerard Bernardet. Bernardet was carried off

sion when William Ayache equalised for Nimes in injury time. Fabrice Mege had opened the scoring shortly The moody Cantona, one of France's most gifted players,

He joined Nimes at the

Marseille retained their

The French champions

LAUSANNE. Switzerland, Dec 8 : Organisers of the Winter Olympics in France

Albertiville Games announced at the International Olympic Committee headquarters that the three had been rejected because they were not members of the international federe. ations in the sports they wanted to enter competitors.



its New York debut.

NEW YORK, Dec : The International Football

matches, including World Cup qualifiers, on home soil while its internal troubles continue, reports Reuter. FIFA's executive committee

qualifying rounds of the 1994 World Cup. FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said the European Football Union (UEFA) had already ruled out European club and national matches in

would extend the ban. "It means that for the moment no international football will be played in Yugoslavia." he told a news conference. Yugoslavia have entered the

draw for the World Cup but

will have to play home matches

on neutral ground until the ban

is lifted.

Yugoslavia because of the civil

war and that the world body

Asked what would happen if Yugoslavia split into different states in the near future, Blatter said FIFA could not look into the future. "Yugoslavia will retain it's

membership of FIFA unless

there is a drastic change," he

said. "We can't foresee or influ-

ence political developments".

He said FIFA's executive committee had rejected applications for membership from Croatia, Ukraine and Georgia. Blatter said it was too early to accept them but that the three Baltic states of Estonia,

Latvia, and Lithuania had been

The FIFA executive committee confirmed that Iraq would continue to be barred from staging international matches but lifted a similar suspension on Lebanon and Kuwait because of improved security.

An appeal by Chile to be

admitted into today's draw was

reflected. The south

qualifier with Brazil in 1989.

vision on Saturday when they

were held to a goalless draw in

Dortmund, 1-0 winners over

Werder Bremen on Friday

ahead by one point from

Eintracht "ankfurt, who had

Six teams have headed the

led the table for two months.

Bundesliga so far this season.

Leverkusen, Hamburg and

Non-title bout

BRISBANE, Dec 8

Australi. 1 cruiserweight box

ing champion Garry Wills

scored a 10-round points deci-

sions over compatriot Kevin

Wagstaff in non-title fight

to 13-2, while former Orient

and Pacific champion Wagstaff

dipped to 24-14-5 and an

nounced his retirement after

Wills improved his record

Sunday, reports AP.

the loss.

and Stuttgart.

Hansa Rostock.

goals.

The result left Borussia

Karlshurhe, reports Reuter.

Stuttgart blew

their chance to

take over top

German First Di-

in the

granted provisional membership and could play in the World Cup.

FIFA, on Saturday readmitted Est-Croatia, Georgia and the

Congress in Switzerland next July. If approved there will be 168 countries in FIFA. "It is a big day for our football, even if it might take us five or six years to catch up with the rest and get the

Executive Committee meeting "We are already planning a

ond World War. But applications from

want-away Soviet republics of

men when Henri Fuchs

Alois Reinhard's first goal for scorer of one of their goals was sent off for unsporting bethe Munich club since his haviour against Stuttgurt

Kickers. But Cologne went on to win 3-0 and moved up to seventh in the table. Hansa Rostock's top-scorer Michael Spies added to

Bayern's woes with two goals

in three minutes in the second

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec 8: Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch on Saturday reaffirmed

won international political acceptance, reports Reuter. "If any of these republics is recognised by the political world community, we have no problems accepting this possible new NOC (National Olympic Committee).

the International Olympic new NOC's did not apply to the breakaway Yugoslav republics

skiing tradition -could com-

pete independently at

Reacting to reports of a growing cash crisis within Soviet Sport, Samaranch said

Albertville under the Olympic Banner. the Olympic flag instead of a flag that creates problems but no decision has been taken,"

doping would not be introduced at the Games. The IOC executive board agreed in principle this week to introduce the new testing procedure after hearing from Keba Mbaye, an IOC vice president who had investigated the

The IOC says the athletes'

report from Lausanne said, the collapse of the Soviet state sports committee should not stop the Soviet Union from sending joint teams to the 1992 Winter and Summer

Games. Olympic officials said

closure Friday of Gossport, the government agency that funded and controlled Soviet sports. Gossport officials said the organization could no longer meet its payroll to keep

continuing signs of disintegration of the Soviet Union's powerful sports system. But he noted that it is the Soviet Olympic Committee, a

(to say) that the money will not

be going for the athletes. I

think the government will find

and their own Olympic com-Despite the breakup of the

march under the hammer-andsickle flag and the Soviet national anthem will be played at Samaranch has convoked a meeting with officials of the 12 republics for March 9 to work out the terms of their participation in the Summer Games.

Some republics are seeking to

use the Olympic flag and an-

Samaranch ruled out offer-Prize money is being paid on the World Cup circuit for