

Swedes happy with underdog tag



STOCKHOLM, June 20: Hosts Sweden, morale high and history on their side, challenge world champions Germany on Sunday for the prize of a place in the final of the European Soccer Championship, reports Reuter.

The Swedes, happy to assume the role of underdogs in the semifinal, showed superb spirit in overturning an early deficit to beat England 2-1 on Wednesday and top Group One.

Germany, caught cold by two early goals and beaten 3-1 by the Netherlands on Thursday, were lucky to scrape through Group Two and had Scotland to thank for guaranteeing their survival by beating the CIS.

History also offers encouragement to Sweden, who achieved their footballing pinnacle by defeating defending champions Germany 3-1 in the 1958 World Cup semifinals on home turf before defeat by Brazil in the final.

Germany, however, are a traditionally tough and resilient team and they will do their utmost to remedy the defensive mistakes which were punished by the Dutch and

might have been more exploited by the CIS and Scotland.

German team chief Bert Vogts is outwardly confident, predicting his team will prevail in the Rasunda Stadium and face the Dutch in Friday's final in Gothenburg.

"This team is much stronger than the Swedes. We expect a cauldron in



Injuries to Stefan Reuter and Guido Buchwald limit Vogts' options

Stockholm but we can't go into

the game so passively again," he said.

"We have respect for the Swedes but we know we can beat them as we did in October 1990." The Germans won that match here 3-1.

Home expectations are high after the exploits of the team and the goals of Jan Eriksson and Tomas Brolin, but Swedish press spokesman Hans Hultman plays it all down.

"Germany is a big footballing nation and world champions, so I don't think the pressure on us will be any bigger against them than it was against England," he said.

"We are not confident about beating Germany but we are confident about our own play. If we keep playing the way we did in the first matches then we hope that will be enough to produce a winning performance."

Both teams have selection problems. Sweden must replace defender Patrik Andersson and influential midfielder Stefan Schwarz, suspended for one match after receiving their second bookings.

Germany, who lost striker Rudi Voeller with a broken arm in the opening match, hope defenders Guido Buchwald and Stefan Reuter

will have recovered from head injuries which kept them out of the Dutch game.

Thomas Helmer will retain the sweeper's role he took on when Libero Manfred Binz was pulled off at halftime and Andreas Moeller may well be dropped after a disappointing performance.

Defender Andreas Brehme, who took over the captaincy from Voeller, said Sweden's strength was their fighting morale, as demonstrated against England.

"Physically they're extremely strong. It certainly won't be easy," he said. "They've played superbly till now. We must smash them out if we want to be European champions."

PROBABLE TEAMS

SWEDEN: Thomas Ravelli, Roland Nilsson, Jan Eriksson, Magnus Erlingmark, Joachim Bjorklun, Stefan Rehn, Klas Ingesson, Onas Thern, Anders Limpar, Tomas Brolin, Martin Dahlin.

GERMANY: Bodo Illgner, Stefan Reuter, Thomas Helmer, Juergen Kohler, Guido Buchwald, Andreas Brehme, Matthias Sammer, Stefan Effenberg, Thomas Haessler, Karlheinz Riedle, Juergen Klinsmann.

Dutch don't underestimate Danes



GOTENBURG, Sweden, June 20: The Netherlands, bidding to become the first team to retain the European Championship, must guard against complacency when they meet outsiders Denmark in their semifinal on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Dutch finally recaptured their best form when they moved into the last four with a stylish 3-1 win over world champions Germany on Thursday.

Few who saw that performance give the Danes much chance of denying the champions a place in the final.

The Dutch players are also supremely confident.

"We must not underestimate the Danes. Their victory over France showed they have some good players," said Dutch defender Ronald Koeman.

"But if you look at it objectively the Netherlands have the greater quality."

The Danes, drafted into the tournament at short notice after an sanctions led to Yugoslavia being barred, are delighted to have got this far.

Their ill-prepared team failed to score as they picked up just one point from their first two matches against England and Sweden.

But they burst into life with a 2-1 victory over France last Wednesday which sent them into the last four at the expense of the highly-rated French.

Striker Flemming Povlsen and midfielder Brian Laudrup were the stars that night.

The Danes will expect them to pressurise a Dutch defence regarded as suspect before the tournament but which has conceded only one goal in three matches.

But the defending champions will be hard to live with if they hit the heights scaled against Germany.

Their fluid attacking game,

with players frequently swapping positions, clicked for the first time in the competition on Thursday.

They shredded the world champions' defence on several occasions and should have scored more than three times.

"Think that we played at a level which we've seldom reached before," normally unexcitable Dutch coach Rinus Michels said. Michels himself has forecast a Netherlands-Germany final.

Germany play hosts Sweden in the other semifinal on Sunday.

Dutch defender Berry Van Aerle hopes to be available for the semifinal after missing the German match with a knee injury.

However, youngster Frank De Boer played well in the Van Aerle's absence and Michels may decide not to alter his team.

The Danes have lost two of their original 20 players.

Midfielder Kim Vilfort has

been forced to return home as his six-year-old daughter is critically ill while striker Bent Christensen has been sidelined by knee trouble.

Experienced striker Lars Elstrup, who came on as substitute and scored the winner against France, may play from the start in place of Torben Frank.

PROBABLE TEAMS

NETHERLANDS: Hans Van Breukelen, Adrie Van Tiggelen, Ronald Koeman, Frank De Boer, Frank Rijkaard, Jan Wouters, Ruud Gullit, Erob Witschge, Dennis Bergkamp, Marco Van Basten, Bryan Roy.

DENMARK: Peter Schmeichel, John Sivebaek, Lars Olsen, Kim Christoffe, Kent Nielsen, Henrik Andersen, Henrik Larsen, John Jensen, Brian Laudrup, Flemming Povlsen, Alis Elstrup.

Referee: Emilio Soriano Aladren (Spain).

German fans on a rampage

GOTEBORG, Sweden, June 20: More than 30 German soccer fans went on a rampage with stones, bottles and knives early Saturday attacking people celebrating the country's mid-summer festival, police said, reports AP.

One German was reported seriously wounded with knife injuries and many others were brought to hospitals by ambulance, authorities said. Nineteen people were injured, according to Swedish national radio.

Police said they arrested five Germans and briefly held at least ten others for drunkenness after the incident at Marstrand, an archipelago hamlet 45 kilometers (28 miles) northwest of this west coast city.

"It was chaotic and it looked pretty bad at times," police superintendent Bjor Blaxter told Swedish news agency TT.

Blaxter blamed aggressive Germans for the violence, and said Dutch visitors did not cause any trouble.

A major part of Marstrand, a yachting have popular with tourists where many Germans, Dutchmen and Swedes flocked to celebrate the festival, was sealed off.

About 20 policemen came from Goteborg to help the local force of 20, but only after 80 more arrived were authorities able to gain control.

Germany play Sweden in a semifinal of the European Soccer Championships on Sunday. At least 8,000 German fans have arrived in the country and are expected to travel to Stockholm.

Many stayed in the Goteborg area after a game with the Netherlands on Thursday.

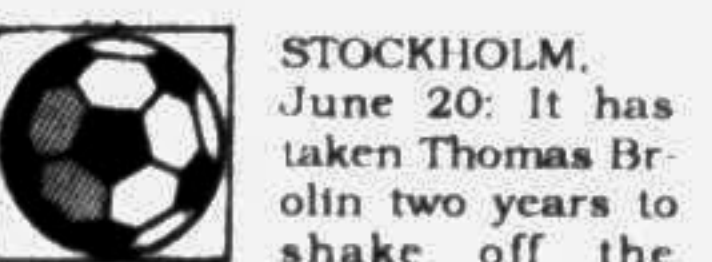
Beforehand, hundreds of German fans stormed restaurants and attacked Dutch fans in central Goteborg. Then, after Germany's loss to the Netherlands team, German gangs broke windows, looted shops and assaulted Dutch fans.

Washington in Manchester final

MANCHESTER, England, June 20: American Malivi Washington showed a new, mean streak and overcame a nervous start against a qualifier on Friday before reaching the final of the Manchester Open tennis event, reports Reuter.

Washington battled to a 6-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Mexican Luis Herrera — the surprise of the tournament — and can break into the world's top 20 if he beats Jacco Elting of the Netherlands in the final.

Brolin tries to do his bit to redeem World Cup debacle



STOCKHOLM, June 20: It has taken Thomas Brolin two years to shake off the memory of Sweden's disastrous World Cup campaign, reports AFP.

And his winning goal in the

1990. Hopes were high when Sweden set off for Genoa and Turin with what was substantially the same squad which is currently setting these championships alight.

But for all the advance publicity, the Swedes were a ma-

Tommy Svensson as coach in December 1990, and things started to look up for the Swedes.

Meanwhile, Brolin, still only 22 and with his long blond hair and schoolboy features, was going from strength to strength in the rarified atmosphere of the Italian domestic game where he led Parma to the Cup this season, beating Juventus and Sampdoria along the way.

"The World Cup was the worst memory of my career, even though it did mean I was in the shop window and it allowed me to move to Parma," he said.

It only took one goal, a fine effort against Brazil, to bring the young Brolin to the attention of the cheque-book waving Italian clubs, but he wisely opted for a small-scale, small-town club like Parma.

It has proved a happy marriage, with Brolin able to build his own game at his own pace without the pressures of fame, glory and attention that accompany the big stars at the major clubs.

Even so, he admits: "It was a total change in my life, coming from Norrkoping where I didn't earn a lot, to Parma where I was suddenly well off after a few months."

But it did not go to his head, for the European Championships were always at the back of his mind. "I was ashamed of our performance in Italy, and I wanted to make it up to the fans in some way at these championships. I think we owed it to them," he admits.

And on Wednesday night, with eight minutes of the match remaining, Brolin's second goal of the tournament did just that.

It gave Swedish football its finest hour since 1958 and consigned England to another ignominious early exit from a major competition in the process.

But the world has probably still not heard the last of Thomas Brolin. With luck, he has a good seven or eight years at the top left in him and with his sort of talent, there is no telling how far he might go.

Aussie, Malaysia lead men's hockey

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20: Favourite Australia defeated the Netherlands 4-1 Saturday night in the opening match of the weeklong four-nation men's field hockey tournament, reports AP.

Wimbledon touts beware!

LONDON, June 20: A tax "snoop squad" is planning to crack down on the black market surrounding the two-week Wimbledon tennis tournament, British officials said on Friday, reports Reuter.

A spokesman for Britain's Inland Revenue said a special unit had been set up to check on those who might make undeclared income unofficially from thousands of tennis fans flocking to Wimbledon fortnight from next Monday.

"We are looking at different types of activities people get involved in Wimbledon, like renting parking spaces, letting out rooms and selling goods," said the spokesman.

London newspapers reported that the "snoop squad" had been scouring newspaper advertisements, estate agents' brochures and receiving tip-offs from residents to try to identify the tax dodgers.

English thugs deported

STOCKHOLM, June 20: Three Englishmen were expelled from Sweden on Friday, and police said they would deport two more Saturday for hooliganism after England lost to Sweden in the European Championship, reports AP.

About 150 Englishmen were reported detained during the past week for charges including assault, theft and disorderly conduct in Stockholm and in the southern town of Malmo. Most were freed without charge.

Twenty-four of them were detained in Stockholm after England was knocked out of the tournament Wednesday, and at least 11 were in custody on Friday, the national news agency TT said.

In the west coast city of Goteborg three Germans were ordered held in custody Friday in connection with violent clashes with police and attacks on Dutch fans and Swedish storekeepers before and after the Germany-Holland match Thursday night.

Police have accused one detainee, a 17-year-old they have not identified, of starting the riot by more than 200 mostly German hooligans in the main shopping street of Goteborg on Thursday afternoon.

Police enjoyed a day of calm Friday, the Midsummer Eve holiday, when no matches were scheduled.

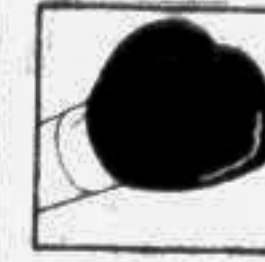
Japanese prince for Olympics opening

TOKYO, June 20: Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito will visit Spain in July for the opening of the Barcelona Olympics and a visit to Seville Expo '92, a court spokesman said on Friday, reports Reuter.

He will leave Japan on July 18 and return on August 4.

After visiting Spain, the 32-year-old bachelor prince will go on to Venezuela and Mexico, the spokesman said. The prince enjoys skiing, tennis and mountain-climbing.

Holyfield is unimpressive



LAS VEGAS, June 20: Evander Holyfield retained his undisputed world heavyweight championship with a 12-round unanimous decision over former champion Larry Holmes on Friday but did not add much lustre to his crown, reports Reuter.

In the 12th round Holmes appeared to be loading up his right hand, looking for a knockout, which he knew he needed to become the oldest man to win the heavyweight title he had held for seven years from 1979 to 1985.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," said Holyfield, a 4-1 favourite at fight time. "He proved he was a crafty fighter

knocked out Holmes, who spent much of the fight trying to lure Holyfield in on him against the ropes — a tactic Holmes had used successfully against Ray Mercer earlier this year to earn this title shot.

"No, I don't think so. I fought a hard fight," Holyfield said. "It's hard to knock out a defensive fighter."

Holyfield, who received about 18 million dollars for the fight, said Holmes' right hand didn't bother him much.

"I saw it coming and I was able to turn on them."

Lou Duva, Holyfield's co-trainer, said: "The only thing I was concerned about was the cut, keeping the cut under control, which we did."

"It's the first time he's ever been cut and he stood up like a champ."

Holmes, who received about 7 million dollars said: "I thought I could win it. But you can't take nothing from the guy. He's a tough fighter and no matter what people say about him, he's a good champion."

Holmes, who weighed 233 pounds (105.6 kg) to Holyfield's 210 pounds (95.2 kg), said the champion "Didn't follow my plans. He fought a good fight, a smart fight and he's stronger than I thought he would be."

"He didn't tire like I figured," said a relaxed looking Holmes, who was unmarked after the fight.

Holyfield's manager, Dan Duva, said he hoped to sign Riddick Gowe as the next challenger.

Holyfield, who last defended his title against 42-year-old George Foreman, said this week he wanted to fight younger men.

The young fighters "better be ready when they get in the ring to fight Evander Holyfield," warned Holmes, whose record is now 54-4.

Asked whether he would retire, Holmes would only say: "I gave it my best and now I'm going to go home, get on my boat and go fishing."

and has great defence."

"I hit him with a lot of good body shots. I was not looking to take him out with one punch," Holyfield said. "I fought a smart fight and didn't push myself to the point where I got reckless and careless."

Once again Holyfield proved that he could take a good punch, as Holmes was able to land a few rights to the head.

But each time Holmes connected, Holyfield came right back with combinations to the head. Holyfield's punches, however, did not have much effect on the former champion.

Holmes electrified the crowd in the second round after backing up Holyfield with a right and a left, which he followed with an uppercut and four punches in a row. The round ended with the crowd chanting for Holmes.

Throughout the fight Holmes showed he still had very good reflexes by picking off Holyfield's punches.

But Holyfield was the busier fighter, landing more punches than Holmes and spending most of the night moving in on his opponent.

Holyfield was asked if he was disappointed not to have



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Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.