

Run-down Krabbe won't run in Barcelona

BERLIN, July 3: Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Moeller will not run in the Barcelona Olympics, reports AFP.

The three women, who won a lengthy legal battle for the right to compete in Barcelona after being found guilty of manipulating a drugs test, decided they would not be able to stand the pressure of competing in the Olympic cauldron, the Norddeutscher Rundfunk Radio station reported.

They reached their decision after meeting their sponsors.

Norddeutscher Rundfunk said they had written to the German National Olympic Committee and would make an official announcement tomorrow.

An NOK spokesman at Frankfurt said they had not yet received the letter.

"We withhold our position until we see the contents of the letter," he said.

However, athletics federation selection committee chairman Horst Blatterger said: "I am not counting on Katrin Krabbe and Grit Breuer for the Olympics."

Krabbe's coach Thomas Springstein said on Wednesday: "I really wonder after all she has been through whether it is worth putting up with all the stress again."

Jos Hermens said Krabbe's training had suffered in the last few months as she waited for last Sunday's final decision

by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) arbitration panel not to impose a four-year ban for allegedly rigging dope samples.

Asked if Krabbe would take part in Barcelona, Hermens said: "In my opinion, it will probably not happen. You can't

provided identical urine samples during a random test at a South African training camp the previous month.

Krabbe complained of a lack of motivation during training as well as nervous problem while she contested the case with her two fellow former

of the season outdoors in a poor 11.70 seconds.

Officials at Krabbe's club in Neubrandenburg said a final press statement on her Olympic participation, which was originally expected on Friday, was not likely before the weekend.

"They are having some tests and are going to talk about it tonight," Hermens added.

The IAAF panel's decision to allow Krabbe to run, which was based on a legal technicality that the DLV's constitution did not provide for random dope tests, has come under fire from one of her top rivals and some top German anti-doping campaigners.

The panel accepted after a hearing in London that Krabbe, Breuer and Moeller had provided identical urine samples. They also accepted that the samples had not been tampered with by someone else on their way to Cologne's testing laboratory.

If Krabbe decides to run in Barcelona, she will face intense media attention.

American Gwen Torrence, who finished second behind Krabbe in both sprints in Tokyo, immediately vowed to crush the German in Barcelona because she believed she was not clean.

"Our goal is to kick her butt in Barcelona," Torrence said. "She is not a clean athlete. Something happened and she got off. She knows she can't compete with us without it (drugs)."

German sports chiefs, embarrassed by the legal hiccup, surprised Krabbe with random dope tests during training at her club on Thursday. Urine samples were taken before and after training to reduce the possibility of manipulation.



Star file photo shows Katrin Krabbe (R) with Silke Moeller (C) and Grit Breuer during their winter training in South Africa last January. The controversial urine samples were collected at this time.

just say, 'Right, the hearing's over, let's go and get back to normal'. It's difficult to get ready in just four weeks."

"She has had five hectic months with stress to add to the normal pressure. But that's just my opinion. I'm not sure yet. The final decision is up to her and coach," Hermens told Reuters.

The German Athletics Federation (DLV) originally banned Krabbe and teammates Grit Breuer and Silke Moeller in February after they had

East Germans.

"I'm not going to go to Barcelona to make a fool of myself," the tall, glamorous sprinter said on Tuesday, adding she would make a final decision later in the week on her participation at the Games which start on July 25.

Last month the German sprinter, who took the 100 and 200 metres titles at last year's Tokyo World Championships in 10.99 and 22.09 seconds respectively, lost her only 100 metres race

FIFA honour for Stanley Matthews

ZURICH, July 3: Sir Stanley Matthews, revered as one of England's finest wingers, was awarded the Gold Merit Order on Thursday by the International Football Federation (FIFA) for his outstanding services to soccer, reports Reuters.



SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS

Matthews, 77, who was playing in the Football League even at the age of 50, was presented with his award by FIFA president Joao Havelange.

Capped 88 times for England, Matthews is best remembered for his performance in the 1953 FA Cup final when Blackpool beat Bolton 4-3 in a match that became known as the Matthews final.

An AP report said: "Antonio Carbajal Rodriguez, who was Mexico's goalkeeper in a record five World Cup soccer championships, was honoured by the sport's international ruling body FIFA, reports Reuters.

FIFA president Joao Havelange of Brazil presented Carbajal, 63, with the organization's golden order of merit at a gala banquet Thursday night.

Carbajal, who played 86 international matches for Mexico, was voted the best goalkeeper at the 1962 World Cup in Chile.

His last game between the posts at a world championship, against Uruguay at the 1966 World Cup, ended scoreless at London's Wembley Stadium. He was Mexico's keeper in all post-war World Cup tournaments until then.

Carbajal, a Mexico City native, started out at Espana Mexico. After the club's dissolution in 1950, he stayed with FC Leon until ending his career in 1966. He now is technical director at Atletico Morelia club.

Also honoured was Brazil's Mario Zagalo, the first soccer player to capture the World Cup on the field and then as coach.

Zagalo, a left winger, won the championship as part of the legendary Pele-era Brazilian team in 1958 and 1962. He coached the squad to perhaps its greatest success ever, the 1970 World Cup.

Other soccer greats receiving FIFA's highest order were Brazilian defender Jorginho, who has recently signed with Germany's Bayern Munich and won FIFA's fair play prize this year.

FIFA re-admits South Africa

ZURICH, July 3: South Africa rejoined world soccer Friday, 16 years after being expelled over their apartheid racial segregation policy and 29 years after their last international game, reports AP.

The biennial congress of FIFA, the sport's world governing body, also admitted 13 other new or returning member federations, including five from the former Soviet Union.

The votes were unanimous. FIFA now has 178-member associations. Delegates rose and clapped to welcome South Africa back after FIFA president Joao Havelange proposed their readmission.

"We are very thrilled," said Solomon Morewa, head of the multiracial South African Football Association. But he said the joy was tempered by continuing violence in his country.

"We call upon the government to take immediate steps to end apartheid," he said.

Havelange, who visited South Africa in April and met with African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, said, "I can tell you everything is going perfectly well."

FIFA's executive committee ruled Wednesday that, once readmitted, South Africa can enter the 1994 World Cup, where African qualifying play starts in October.

Cameroon — a quarterfinalist at the 1990 World Cup and one of Africa's top national

squads — is to be the first foreign team to visit South Africa, for a three-game exhibition tour next Tuesday through Saturday. The squad is due to arrive Sunday.

Cameroon will be asked to wear black armbands and a minute of silence is planned at each game to honour black victims of the recent massacre in the South African township of Boipatong, Morewa said.

FIFA suspended South Africa in 1964 — barring the country from international competition — and voted to expel them in 1976. South Africa's last international match was in 1963.

Africa's soccer leadership backed South African readmission last year after the white-minority had launched reforms aimed at ending apartheid.

Havelange of Brazil gave his blessing to the racially unified South African association after his visit last April.

"We welcome South African with open arms," Havelange told the congress.

Soccer, by far the most popular game among South Africa's black majority, was the first sport in the 1970s where races mixed strongly. Most players and administrators, however, are black.

Top games in the professional national soccer league draw crowds of 50,000 or more.

During the ban, a few players managed to join professional teams abroad. Perhaps the best known is Jomo Sono,

who played with all-time great Pele on the New York Cosmos Club in the 1970s.

South Africa was readmitted to the Olympics last year.

Earlier this week ANC, the nation's biggest black political organisation, withdrew its call for a new world sports boycott of South Africa made after the latest massacre of blacks.

Morewa said only intervention by Mandela convinced Cameroon to go ahead with the South Africa tour after the massacre.

FIFA delegates also admitted ex-Soviet soccer associations from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, and Ukraine, the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia, the Cayman Islands, Namibia and St. Kitts-Nevis.

The three Baltic republics Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, provisional members since December, were formally accepted.

Seven ex-Soviet republics, including the central Asian areas, were put on a waiting list because their statutes, soccer facilities and communications links do not yet meet FIFA standards.

Russia has been awarded the Commonwealth of Independent States' berth in 1994 World Cup qualifying rounds, where its first game is scheduled in September.

The four other new-ex-Soviet FIFA members were too late for the tournament because the European qualifying tournament has already begun. A new draw would be needed now if teams were added.

Lot of hopes on Pargat's men

NEW DELHI, July 3: India on Friday named a rejuvenated 16-member field hockey Olympic team that officials hope will recapture the former champions' lost glory in Barcelona, reports AP.

Pargat Singh, the ace defender who can be a formidable attacker when needed, will remain the captain of the team.

He said the coach will be Balkishan Singh, the guiding star of Indian hockey who in one year at the helm has hammered a ragtag team into a physically-peaking, fighting machine.

"I can't say today we are going to win the Olympics, but we are confident of reaching the semifinals," Singh said in an interview.

The team, picked from 24 probable players, will leave for Spain July 18 and play several practice matches before the first Olympic game on July 26 against Champions Trophy holders Germany.

Since the sport came to Olympics in 1928, India won

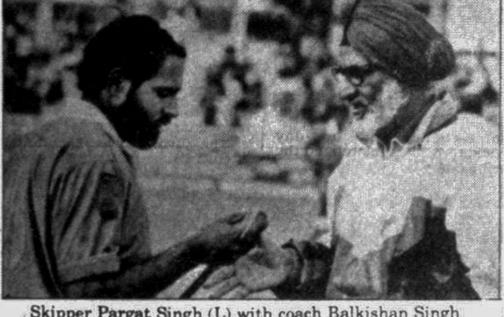
the gold continuously until 1956. Although 1964 and 1980 also brought golds, the emergence of Pakistan as the other Asian star and the growing dominance of Europe and Australia had wiped out India by 1984.

Coach Singh, who took over last year, crafted a successful European tour in May when India won 12 of its 15 matches.

At Barcelona India is in a tougher league. Its rivals are

favourites Australia, Germany and the winner of the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Britain, besides Egypt and Argentina.

The full Indian team is: Goalkeepers: Ashish Ballal and A B Subbala; full backs: Pargat Singh (captain), Jagadev Singh and C S Poonacha; halves: Harpreet Singh, Sukhjit Singh, Shakeel Ahmed, Ajit Lakra; forwards: Mukesh Kumar, Jude Felix, Ravi Nayakar, Jagbir Singh, Dhanraj Pillay, Darryl D'Souza and Didar Singh.



Skipper Pargat Singh (L) with coach Balkishan Singh

Turin fans riot over Lentini's transfer to AC

TURIN, Italy, July 3: Hundreds of Torino fans rioted in front of the soccer club headquarters for the second consecutive day Thursday night to protest the transfer of forward Gianluigi Lentini to AC Milan, reports AP.

Police fired tear-gas and charged to disperse the fans, who blocked traffic, hurled stones and set fire to some garbage cans.

One passerby was injured, not seriously, by a flying stone, during the incidents which lasted more than one hour.

Lentini, the 23-year-old darling of Torino supporters, decided to join Milan this week in a deal estimated worth 30 billion lire (dhs 25 million)

Platini's perfect final pass

PARIS, July 3: On the pitch Michel Platini always timed his runs to perfection; off the field he showed once more on Thursday that he knows exactly when to make the right move, reports Reuters.

His announcement in Zurich that he was quitting as French national team boss, minutes after his native country earned the honour of staging the 1998 World Cup finals, was no temporal accident.

Platini said he had no idea what his future held but it is an open secret that he would like to take charge of organising France's World Cup.

It is also a racing certainty that, as the most charismatic and respected figure in French sport, he will be offered the job.

The 37-year-old Platini's credit in France is so high that not even his team's dismal, defensive performances at last month's European Championship in Sweden could dent his standing.

Other national managers, from Germany's Berti Vogts to England's Graham Taylor, mercifully pilloried by the more vulgar sections of their domestic media, must have envied Platini's ability to emerge from disaster smelling of roses.

But his almost unswerving line of success as both player and coach and the incomparable style he lent to everything he did made him virtually untouchable.

If he did come in for criticism for France's failure to win a single match in Sweden, it was always recalled that he had taken the team to their longest unbeaten run — 19 matches over almost three years from 1989 to this year.

Nor was it forgotten that the man who took over France at a moment of crisis in 1988 produced a unique achievement

Platini's perfect final pass

Still only 34 when he took the helm, he at first relished the task, building a sensationally successful team out of what were little more than soccer journeymen, with the notable exception of world class striker Jean-Pierre Papin.

But in Sweden, signs of boredom and frustration crept in.

Platini, clearly sensing his side could never be the world-beaters he would have liked them to be, began taking refuge in "Platinitudes" — and in uncharacteristic defensive line-ups.

"It's not my idea of football," he would say wearily at daily press briefings. "But that's the way football is these days. If you dare to attack, you lose."

As his team scored just twice in three games, Platini amiably tried to justify his selections but without ever conveying the feeling that he cared whether anyone took him seriously or not.

As the team left Malmo's Sturup airport in dejection, Platini told reporters of the drudgery of "talking to you people every day without ever saying anything."

He said then he would stay on but it was clear his mind was already on the challenge ahead.

Thinking out loud, Platini spoke of his desire for a role like that of former ski star Jean-Claude Killy, co-president of the organising committee of this year's Winter Olympics in Albertville.

Platini was chosen by Killy to run with the Olympic flame on the last stage of its journey to Albertville.

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FIFA falls for French flair & facilities

ZURICH, July 3: France were handed the prestigious and lucrative rights to host the 1998 World Cup finals on Thursday after convincing FIFA members they were better equipped than rivals Morocco to stage soccer's premier tournament, reports Reuters.

French officials kissed and embraced each other in open delight outside the room where they were told they had beaten Morocco by a convincing 12 votes to seven.

"The score is not a surprise for me, the important thing is that we got the necessary majority to hold the World Cup," said French Football Federation (FFF) president Jean Pournet-Fayard.

Switzerland were the only other country to make a bid but almost withdrew their candidacy at the last minute.

They were effectively eliminated because their proposals rested on using temporary stands which were outlawed by the International Football Federation (FIFA) last month. They received no votes.

Morocco, whose bid to take the World Cup to Africa for the first time was praised by several members of FIFA's executive committee, were left empty-handed and feeling devastated for the second successive time in four years after losing the 1994 finals to the United States.

France were always considered favourites to host the tournament after an agreement with England not to compete against each other for the 1998 World Cup and 1996 European Championship.

What swung the balance of voting according to some executive committee members who chose them, was their ability to provide the stadia required by FIFA and their technical expertise.

Lennart Johansson, the president of European football's governing body UEFA, said: "I think France won because they were totally equipped for such a major tournament."

"I was in favour of France because they are not talking of plans. They are already equipped to handle a World Cup."

"I was very impressed with the Moroccan bid, it was very well done and it is obvious they are going to be a strong force in the future and we will eventually have to move the World Cup to different countries. But they are still in the planning stage."

France, who successfully staged the 1984 European Championship finals, offered 15 stadia in 14 towns plus a promise to build a new 80,000-seat stadium in the Paris outskirts.

Morocco, backed by the influence and personal wealth of King Hassan, has only two stadia that meet FIFA seating re-

quirements, plus plans to build four and extend six.

After a site trip this year a FIFA member reportedly said: "They showed us two stadiums and nine holes in the ground."

Fournet-Fayard said: "The Moroccan project was a good project, but in France a lot of things are already in existence and an important point was that the necessary financial investments go along with the normal development programme of the country."

Securing the World Cup finals has lifted French soccer from its short-lived depression after their team's miserable showing in the European Championship finals in Sweden last month.

Michel Platini, who quit as French national coach immediately after the vote and is expected to help organise the finals, said:

"It's very important for French football because it means two things — international recognition and from the sporting point of view we shall not have to qualify and every coach will tell you that not having to qualify is the best thing in life."

FIFA president Joao Havelange said: "I believe there are winners and losers in life and someone who does not know how to lose should not present themselves as a candidate."

It will be France's second World Cup after staging the finals of the third competition in 1938.

Johansson said it was important to hold the World Cup in Europe again before too long, bearing in mind Japan's interest in the 2002 finals and with the US hosting them in 1994.

MOROCCANS BITTER

The Moroccans, bitter at losing again after missing out 10-7 to the US, complained that some of the executive committee officials had not even bothered to visit the country.

Asked why France won, Moroccan Sports Minister and delegation chief Abdelatif Semlali said: "That's a good question. First of all we have bigger stadiums than our conquerors, we have stability, we have no cases before the courts, we do not have stadiums that collapse."

France's chances looked to have been hurt when a temporary stand collapsed at a Cup semifinal in Bastia in May, killing 15 people and injuring hundreds more.

But FIFA's subsequent ban on temporary tubular steel stands, reconfirmed on Wednesday, hit only Switzerland.

France plan to build three new stadia, including a new national one in Melun-Senart, 35 km from Paris, while Marseille's will be upgraded to hold 60,000. The final will be in Paris and the semifinals in Paris and Marseille.

Soccer course ends

Sports Reporter

The month-long football coaching camp for the players under-16 and 18 years of age concluded at the Tejgaon Textiles Engineering College ground yesterday, says a press release.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 14 Office newcomers to Hollywood | 42 Dark songbird | 6 Cam-bridge sch. | 25 Spiked club |
| 17 Right-hand person | 46 "Peter Pan" | 7 McMahon and Sullivan | 26 Beach find |
| 18 Opulent hotel | 47 A couple of cups | 8 Con games | 27 Pennsylvania port |
| 19 Wheel-base termini | 48 Old French coin | 9 Maleficent | 28 Maglie and Mineo |
| 20 Center of activity | 49 Women Artist | 10 Put together | 30 Immaculate |
| 22 Hardy cabbage | 51 "48 —" (movie) | 11 Bullring bravos | 33 Ninja Turtle food |
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals I

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.



A junior soccer camp organized by the National Football Training School ended at the Tejgaon Textile Engineering College ground yesterday.