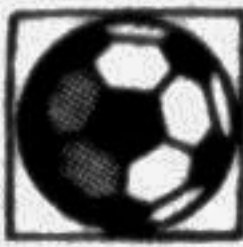


# Boys from Brazil emulate elders



**SYDNEY, Mar 20:** Striker Gian scored in the last minute to lift Brazil to a dramatic 2-1 victory over Ghana Saturday night in a spectacular final of soccer's World Youth Championship at the Sydney Football Stadium, reports AP.

after a 12th minute goal from Emmanuel Duah, but Brazil fought back magnificently in the second half in a match chock-full of fine, flowing football.

Yan equalised in the 49th minute after collecting a through pass from playmaker Adriano. Gian then scored the winner at a time when the

on the left flank and swung over a superb cross. Duah rose high in a crowded penalty area to meet it with his head — and the ball rocketed into the net past the helpless Dida.

The rest of the first half saw play swing from end to end.

The Brazilians dominated the early minutes with Adriano



Members of the Brazilian team celebrate with the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup after edging past African champions Ghana in the final of the World Youth (under-20) Soccer Championship in Sydney yesterday. —AFP photo

Gian collected a superb pass from captain Marcelinho and split open the Ghanaian defence with his pace before firing home a low shot.

Brazil, who played with all of their traditional attacking style, became the first team to win the championship three times and will take permanent possession of the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup.

The Brazilians previously won the event in 1983 and 1985. Brazil also is the only nation to have won the World Cup three times.

"I think this is a victory for the old Brazilian style," said coach Julio Leal. "Each country must play its own way and not copy other nations."

Many of the Ghanaian players sank to the turf in tears at the end of the match, while others surrounded Turkish referee Ahmet Cakar claiming he had ended the match too soon.

Ghana, who won the World Under-17 championship two years ago, had been aiming to become the first African nation to win the Under-20 title and was making their tournament debut.

Ghana led 1-0 at halftime

players seemed to have accepted the necessity of sudden-death overtime.

Both teams attacked at every opportunity and a sellout crowd of 40,016 was treated to spectacular soccer throughout the 90 minutes.

"In football there has to be a winner and there has to be a loser," said Ghana coach Fred Osam Duodu. "We are disappointed, but we accept it."

The victorious Brazilians were saluted by hundreds of their drum-banging, samba-dancing fans after going through the tournament unbeaten.

But it was far from easy against the fast and tenacious Ghanaians, for whom Duah's opening goal was a rarer gem.

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prominent. Defender Ransford Banini was given a yellow card for fouling him in the second minute and Adriano also fired in a free-kick from 30 metres out that goalkeeper Ben Owu had to be alert to stop.

Brazil, however, were not disheartened.

Cate had two shots stopped by Owu and sent a long-range shot just off target, while Owu also kept out a drive from defender Hermes Bruno, meanwhile, also sent a 35-metre free kick just over the crossbar.

Ghana, too, were dangerous, particularly on the break.

Acc midfielder Nil Lamptey forced Dida to produce a scrambling save after a corner from Duah in the 25th minute.

## England finish third



**SYDNEY, Mar 20:** A brilliant individual goal four minutes from time by striker Julian Joachim gave England a 2-1 win over Australia and third place in the World Youth Soccer Championship here on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The young Leicester City player waltzed past three defenders before rounding goalkeeper Vincent Matassa and calmly slotting the ball in the net to seal the game against the Under-20 Cup hosts.

A minute before the end Sheffield Wednesday striker Chris Bart-Williams should have made it 3-1 but Matassa pulled off the save of the match at close range.

The second half came alive when Australia equalised after a scrappy first half in driving rain in which the young English professionals dominated and went ahead just before the interval through big defender David Unsworth.

Bart-Williams, who always looked dangerous going forward, crossed from the right and found Unsworth at the far post who climbed above two defenders to head home.

Cheered on by a near capacity 40,000-strong crowd, Australia looked a different team in the second half and

within seven minutes had levelled through striker Ante Milicic.

England goalkeeper David Watson was beaten when what looked like a harmless volley from Milicic hit from just inside the penalty area took a deflection from defender Andy Myers and the ball dribbled into the goal.

But Australia's furious second-half comeback was nullified by the brilliance of Joachim's goal which gave England third place and its best-ever result in the biennial tournament.

The match between the beaten finalists in the 16-christ tournament was a curtain-raiser to the final between favourites Brazil and African champions Ghana.

### TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** David Watson, Steve Watson, David Unsworth, Anthony Hughes, Ian Pearce (Marvin Harriott 57th minute), Andy Myers, Chris Bart-Williams, Darren Caskey, Jamie Pollock, Alan Thompson, Julian Joachim.

**AUSTRALIA:** Vincent Matassa, Kevin Muscat, Aaron Holst, Anic Juric, Marc Wingell, Darren Ioea (Jim Tsekintis 45th), Anthony Carbone, Paul Agostino, Anthony Milicic, Peter Tsekintis, Ante Moric (Vas Trpcevski 51st).

## Maradona in a mess

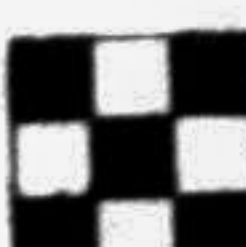
**ROME, Mar 20:** An order for Diego Maradona to pay 3,000 dollars a month for the upkeep of a child born out of an affair with an Italian woman was confirmed by an appeal court on Friday, reports AFP.

The Naples Children's Division Appeal Court upheld a previous finding that the Argentinian football star was the father of Christiana Sinagra's baby who has been named Diego Armando.

The former Napoli player, now with Sevilla in Spain, has two daughters from his marriage.

Maradona, who could still face drugs trafficking charges in Italy, has been ordered to pay five million lire (3,000 US dollars) a month to Sinagra.

## FIDE vs players: Chasm widens



**LONDON, Mar 20:** Bids to host a new World Chess Championship closed on Friday amid signs that a rift between top players Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short and the International Chess Federation (FIDE) appeared beyond repair, reports Reuters.

"Kasparov and Short are committed to announcing new bids for their version of the title at a press conference in London on Monday," a source close to the negotiations said.

## Keshmiri banned for life

**INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 20:** American discus thrower Kamy Keshmiri was banned for life by the American Athletics Federation on Friday for refusing drug tests, reports AFP.

Keshmiri, who was already serving a four-year suspension for failing a test in May, refused tests in December and January, the federation said.

Keshmiri was three times American champion and won the trials for last years Barcelona Olympics.

The division between the players and FIDE seems set to result in rival titles as in boxing," the source added.

Short, 27, the first Briton to challenge for the world title, and the Azeri-born world champion Kasparov, 29, split with FIDE in February saying the chess body had failed to consider their wishes when it awarded the match to Short's home city of Manchester.

They formed a rival organisation, the Professional Chess Association, and invited fresh bids for venues for their own championship. Kasparov and Short also said FIDE had often disregarded its own rules and had shown "wilful disregard" for the players in the World Championship event.

FIDE denied the charges and threatened legal action.

The exact number of bids for the new championship was not known but the source said he was confident of at least three to five substantial bids.

He also denied press reports of a split between Kasparov and Short. The Daily Telegraph newspaper said on Friday that FIDE had lured Kasparov back to its camp with a compromise deal.

He said that Kasparov had

met FIDE president Florencio Campomanes earlier this month while competing in the Linares Grandmaster tournament, but "No deal has been struck."

On Monday FIDE's forum newsletter said FIDE was giving Short and Kasparov until 1800 GMT next Tuesday to confirm they would play in its final.

It also said Swiss-based FIDE had told its London lawyers to protect its rights to the World Championship match, for which Manchester has bid 2.54 million Swiss francs (1.66 million dollars).

Backers of Manchester's bid said on Friday they would not be submitting plans to the rival organisation.

"The split was inevitable," said a spokesman for the British Chess Federation. "In chess the professionals are a minority and they resent the way their careers are run by an amateur organisation."

FIDE is considering staging a title clash between the two candidates next in line, Dutchman Jan Timman and former champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia. Both players beaten by Short in earlier rounds.

At the other end, Pereira curled a dangerous shot just off target, while Bruno and Gian set up a marvellous opportunity for Juarez but Owu made a spectacular block to prevent an equalizer.

Chances, proved harder to come by after Yan's equalizer despite both teams' willingness to attack in numbers.

Owu was the busier goalkeeper as the game progressed and it was the Ghanaian defence that eventually cracked.

Adriano, who wears the No 10 shirt made internationally famous by Pele, was later named the winner of the Golden Ball award as the tournament MVP. Ghanaian captain Lamptey was named runner-up.

A disappointed Duodu paid tribute to his team.

"What we did was no small achievement," he said. "We've made a mark."

### TEAMS

**BRAZIL:** Dida, Bruno, Gelso, Juarez, Hermes, Marcelinho, Cate, Pereira (Caico 62nd), Gian, Adriano (Argel 92nd), Yan.

**GHANA:** Ben Owu, Kofi Nimo, Isaac Asare, Ossel Kuffour, Ransford Banini, Mohammed Gargo, Nil Lamptey, Augustine Ahinful, Emmanuel Duah, C K Akonnor (Kwabena Boateng 86th), Daniel Addo.

## Pioneer soccer Sports Reporter

Malek Akhand found the net twice to lead Nawabkatra KC to an emphatic 4-2 win over Golam Mustafa Lane Kishore Sangha in the Janata Bank Pioneer soccer super league at the Rajuk ground yesterday.

Ashrafal Alam and Aminul Islam netted once each to complete the tally. For the losers Mintu and Alam scored one goal each to give their fans a tinge of consolation.

In the day's other super league affair, Mansur Sporting Club and Aganagar PMS fought to a one-all draw at the Dhupkhola ground. Shah Alam scored for Mansur SC while Mahmuddin slammed one home for the Aganagar booters.

Kasaituli Samaj Kalyan Parishad and MSPCC booked their super league berths with contrasting victories in first-leg play-offs held yesterday.

At the T & T ground, Shakil and Ali Mahbud struck once each for their side to give Kasaituli SKP a convincing win over Kalabagan KC.

But in the play-off match at the Mahakhal ground, MSPCC were pushed to their limits by Mirpur Ekdash. After the regulation period ended goalless the tie was settled through penalty shoot-out. Four MSPCC men were on target against three for the Mirpur boys.

## Arbi, Suprianto in All England final

**LONDON, Mar 20:** Top Indonesian Heryanto Arbi and Joko Suprianto will battle it out in the All England badminton final after stirring victories on Friday, reports Reuters.

Malaysian Foo Kok Keong's bid for glory in the autumn of his career came unstuck at the semifinal stages.

The 30-year-old Malaysian was beaten 15-7, 15-11 by the younger and fitter Suprianto, the number two seed.

In the second semifinal, Arbi beat leading European Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen of Denmark 18-17, 15-12.

Foo had taken London's Wembley arena by storm on Thursday with victories over Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma of Indonesia and All England title-holder Liu Jun of China.

But the age gap with 27-year-old Suprianto proved too much for him.

Suprianto was able to shrug off two service fault calls in the second game, but remained puzzled after his victory.

"It was serving just the same in my quarter-final match and I was not called then," he said.

Suprianto was the beaten finalist at the All England tournament three years ago.

The other semifinal was a battle between two highly athletic 21-year-olds and produced the most enthralling badminton of the week.

Stuer-Lauridsen, widely tipped as a future champion after winning the bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics, fought all the way and saved three match points.

But Arbi totally vindicated his top seeding, saving two game points in the first game and displaying great determination at key stages.

Suprianto is one of his training partners so he knows what he is up against in today's final.

"It's going to be interesting. He's older than I am," said Arbi.

The women's final will be between top seed and Olympic champion Susi Susanti of Indonesia and second seed Bang Soo-Hyun of South Korea.

## Eyles stuns Jansher

**VALE DO LOBO, Portugal, Mar 20:** Australian Rodney Eyles created the sensation of the season at the Portuguese Open here Friday to come back from the dead and beat world number one Jansher Khan — his first loss in seven months, reports AFP.

In an amazing turn-around of fortunes, Eyles clawed his way back from the brink of defeat to save two match points and win 12-15, 8-15, 15-9, 17-16, 15-11.

The world number 10 started to attack more as he sensed Khan was tiring and completed the shock of the year in 101 minutes.

Khan's last defeat came last August when he was beaten by another Australian, former world champion Rodney Martin, in the Australian Open.

## Five more golds will be up for grabs at Atlanta

**ATLANTA, Mar 20:** At least five more gold medals will be up for grabs at the Olympic Games here in 1996, reports AFP.

The International Olympic Committee has added a 26th sport — women's softball — and four more disciplines, mixed doubles badminton, women's individual and team epee fencing and a women's 4X200m freestyle swimming relay.

That total of 262 golds could rise to 265, though, as the IOC is also considering a team title in rhythmic gymnastics, women's football and beach volleyball.

Officials have until September to finalise the list.

Whatever the number of events, limits have been placed on both the number of athletes — 10,000 — and officials — 5,000.

## British coach to tune up Indian Davis Cup squad

**NEW DELHI, Mar 20:** British Davis Cup player Chris Baily has been invited to help India's tennis team prepare for their Davis Cup world group first round clash against last year's runners-up Switzerland in Calcutta next week, reports AFP.

Baily arrived in Calcutta Friday after a request from Indian non-playing captain Nareesh Kumar to help his players contain big-serving Swiss duo Jakob Hlasek and Olympic champion Marc Rosset.

"If the boys can tackle their selves, half the battle would be won," Kumar said.

India, runners-up in 1987, will be represented by former junior Wimbledon champion Leander Paes and old warhorse Ramesh Krishnan at the three-day tie to be played at the South Calcutta Club grass courts March 26-28.

The Swiss, expected to arrive in a day or two, lost last year's final to the United States.

The International Tennis Federation turned down Thursday a Swiss request to cancel the match because of Wednesday's bomb blast in Calcutta which left 66 dead.

All-India Tennis Federation President R K Khanan has said adequate security measures would be taken.

## Rain delays Graf, not Sabatini



**KEY BISCAIENE, Florida, Mar 20:** It took Steffi Graf six hours to beat Gabriela Sabatini in a hurry.

Five rain delays couldn't cool off Graf, who won 6-0, 6-2 in Friday's semifinals at the Lipton Championships, reports AP.

Graf had lost eight straight matches to Sabatini in Florida, and had never beaten her so badly anywhere.

"She played great," Sabatini said. "It was one of the best matches I've seen from her."

"I was very frustrated. Losing that way, that score, and not being able to play well is the worst feeling."

The top-seeded Graf advanced to Saturday's final against defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the No 2 seed, who beat No 16 Kimiko Date 6-2, 6-1.

The men's semifinals Saturday will match No 2 Pete Sampras against No 5 Petr Korda in one bracket, and No

5 Andre Agassi against No 7 Andrei Medvedev in the other.

Sampras swept No 10 Richard Krajicek 6-3, 7-6 (9-7). Rain interrupted their tiebreaker with Krajicek leading 5-4; when play resumed more 90 minutes later, he double-faulted twice to lose the match.

"That was definitely one of the weirdest ends to a match that I ever played," Sampras said. "It's the most bizarre day I've ever been associated with."

"It's tough to play on a day like this," Edberg said. "Anybody could have won today because it's so tough coming on and off the court."

Edberg failed to convert three set points with Korda.

The match itself took just 68 minutes. Graf spent the rain delays talking and reading US newspapers and German magazines.

"Going out on the court six times — that's a lot," she said. "But both of us have to sit around and wait, so it's the same."

Sabatini, playing as though she were wearing galoshes, won just seven points in her first four service games as Graf took a 6-0, 2-0 lead.

"We go out there, we stop. Stop and start," Sabatini said. "It never happened to me before. Maybe once, two times at the most. But not so many times as today."

Sabatini fell to 11-23 against Graf.

The second-ranked German has lost just 12 games in her five matches. No 1 Monica Seles may have been wise to withdraw from Lipton because of the flu, because Graf's feared forehand is looking unstoppable.

"It's the best it's been for a long time, definitely," Graf said. "I'm going for my shots down the line and making very few mistakes."

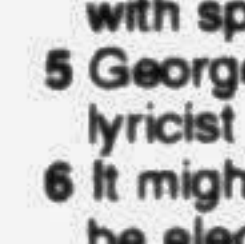
Officials were hoping for mild weather that would allow Saturday's three matches to be held on the defective stadium court.

Edberg and Korda played one point there before officials decided that the hard-court surface was unplayable. The court also was out of commission for five hours Thursday, when heat and moisture caused it to soften and develop rough spots.

Thousands of fans were inconvenienced when the Edberg-Korda match was moved to Court 1, which has 8,000 fewer seats than the stadium.

Later, when the weather turned cooler, the women played on the stadium court without any problems — except for rain.

## Good news for Katrin Krabbe



**BONN, Mar 20:** German sprinter Katrin Krabbe said on Friday her hopes of making a comeback had

been boosted by news that key scientific reports backed up her claims that she was innocent of taking banned drugs, reports Reuters.

The double world champion was suspended with teammates Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr last September after testing positive in training for the drug Clenbuterol, which some scientists argue is a stimulant and not a banned steroid.

Reacting to a report that two of three scientific reports ordered by the German arbitrating panel stated that the drug was a stimulant — some of which are allowed during training — Krabbe said: "I al-

ways believed I was innocent." "But this news gives me even more momentum for my comeback. Then I will soon be released from my imprisonment," she said in an interview with the German newspaper Bild.

The German Athletics Federation (DLV) arbitration panel, which is expected to announce its ruling in the case by the end of the month, has put a great deal of emphasis on the findings of the independent reports.

A continuation of Krabbe's suspension now looks out of the question.

"Two of the three experts definitely say in the reports that Clenbuterol is not a steroid," the source, who did not want to be identified, told Reuters. "On that basis nothing has happened and she should be free."

Krabbe's manager Jos Hermens, lawyer Peter Woessner and panel president Wolfgang Schoeppe have refused to comment on the findings of the report until a final ruling is announced. But Hermens has said he believes the trio will be cleared.

Krabbe, 23, added: "The scientists wouldn't write rubbish just to save me from being banned."

Informed sources have repeatedly said that the DLV has given up hope of imposing a four-year ban in the new case because of the same legal problem, which was not solved before Krabbe tested positive during a random training test last July.

Publicly the DLV has remained loyal to its four-year ban. "We have not deviated from our opinion."

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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