



German tennis star Steffi Graf (C) is escorted by her bodyguards as she leaves Hamburg's Rothenbaum tennis courts following her press conference yesterday. —AFP photo

It's Hamburg again

HAMBURG, Germany, Apr 25: Steffi Graf has been threatened with attack if she plays this week at the Hamburg tennis tournament where Monica Seles was stabbed last year, police said Monday, reports AP.

Seles was stabbed in the back by a mentally disturbed fan who was obsessed by Graf. Seles has not played since and Graf has retaken the No. 1 ranking that had been held by Seles.

Police said they received an anonymous letter Friday, threatening that Graf will be attacked if she plays the tournament.

"If Steffi plays in Hamburg, there will be another attack," said the hand-written letter, a copy of which was published by the Hamburg newspaper Morgenpost.

Graf is not slated to play until Tuesday.

Jens-Peter Hecht, spokesman for the German Tennis Federation, said security at the tournament already had been beefed up and more police protection was available if necessary.

Players in Hamburg have been assigned bodyguards and undercover police have been deployed at the Rothenbaum tennis club.

Graf is the second German tennis star to be threatened recently.

Police said last week that an extortionist had threatened to kill three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, his wife and baby son, his manager and the manager's family.

The extortionist never specified his demands and has not made any new threats since March.

Becker pulled out of last week's Monte Carlo tournament with a wrist injury.

He signed up for this week's BMW Open in Munich, but later told organisers he would play only doubles.

Will Nigeria emulate Cameroon?

LAGOS, Apr 25: Nigeria head for the United States as African champions unlikely to suffer the same fate as Zaire, the last reigning African champions to appear in the World Cup finals, reports Reuter.

Zaire were fit, keen and totally outclassed in the 1974 finals, losing all three matches with a goal tally of 0-14 — including a 9-0 defeat to Yugoslavia.

But Nigeria, who beat Zambia 2-1 in the final of this year's African Championship in Tunisia on April 10, look good enough to not only survive the first round but also match the achievement of Cameroon who became the first African team to reach the World Cup quarter-finals in Italy four years ago.

The Nigeria side is young, fit and packed with talented players, with European clubs.

And the Nigerians have a major advantage over Argentina, Greece and Bulgaria who they meet in Dallas and Boston. They have had the best possible preparation to fuse together as a team — winning an international tournament just weeks before the World Cup starts.

African soccer observers believe the Nigeria team is far more talented than the 1990 Cameroon side and although there is no doubting the team's ability on the pitch, there are questions about frequent internal wranglings off the field.

In March the "Super Eagles" delayed coming out for

a friendly against arch-rivals Ghana because they had not been paid the promised 5,000 dollars each for qualifying for the World Cup.

For days after the incident, the Nigerian FA considered sacking Dutch coach Clemens Westerhof, accusing him of inciting the players of holding the authorities to ransom.

Westerhof, in his defence, said: "The players demanded their rights which I felt were justified. Since we all work as a

team, the technical crew had to stand behind them."

It was the second time Westerhof faced the sack.

Shortly after the Eagles qualified for the finals, the former Sports Commission Chairman Alex Akinyele labelled the coach "uncontrollable" after a halftime dressing room row.

But Westerhof survived that drama, as he has survived others during a five-year spell in charge of the team which, with the correct back-room preparation, could do very well

indeed in the United States. "My only aim is to produce results that will surpass Cameroon at the last World Cup finals," Westerhof said after the draw for the first round in Las Vegas last December.

And he certainly has the players to help him realise his ambition.

They include striker Rachidi Yekini, the 1993 African footballer-of-the-year, top scorer in the Portuguese league with 16 goals for Victoria Setubal and a player who could easily become one of the stars of the tournament.

Then there is Daniel Amokachi, who has scored 13 league goals for club his Bruges in Belgium this season, Victor Ikpeba of French side Monaco, Austin Okoch, a young but talented midfielder with Eintracht Frankfurt and Sunday Oliseh who plays for FC Liege in Belgium, a lanky, strong midfielder.

Yekini, in particular, is the outstanding player with 23 goals in 51 international appearances. He is very fast, very strong, and even though he is 30, shows no sign of letting up. He emerged as the top soccer from the African Championships with five goals and is bound to trouble the opposition in the US.

While the attack and the midfield are strong, fast and powerful, the defence is the most vulnerable department.

Veteran captain, Stephen Keshi, 32, is no longer the dominating force he was and is currently without a club after being sacked by his Belgian side RWD Molenbeek in January after returning late from a holiday.

He has played 77 times and is likely to be included in the starting line-up partly as a reward for his loyalty and long service but in many ways the World Cup has come four years too late for one of Africa's finest ever defenders.

Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa with a population of almost 120 million which has waited a long time for its first World Cup appearance. Nigeria has enjoyed success at junior level, winning the inaugural FIFA under-17 World Championships in 1985, reaching the final in 1987 and reaching the final of the under-20 Championships in 1989.

The senior side also reached the final qualifying rounds for the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals, but finally made it all the way this time beaten just once in 11 qualifying matches.

Even so, they only made certain of their place on goal difference above the Ivory Coast after drawing their last qualifier 1-1 in Algeria.

Cameroon soccer in turmoil

YAOUNDE, Apr 25: Cameroon's chaotic World Cup preparations have been upset again with a charge by one of the soccer federation's rival presidents that disgruntled officials sabotaged a friendly against Zambia, reports Reuter.

One of the presidents of the Cameroon Soccer Federation FECAFOOT, Pascal Baylon Owona, told reporters Cameroon officials had sent warnings to the Zambians that their safety could not be guaranteed in Cameroon.

The friendly, scheduled for last Sunday in Douala, was cancelled at the last minute.

The FECAFOOT central

committee sacked Owona on March 30 in favour of the secretary-general Maha Daher, but Owona claimed the dismissal was illegal and refused to give up his job.

"People telephoned and set faxes constantly to warn them (the Zambians) that they would be unsafe if they came," Owona said. "You understand that with the insistent messages, the Zambians, who already remember April last year when their team was decimated in an accident, became frightened."

Eighteen of the Zambian squad were killed when their plane crashed into the sea off Gabon on the way to a match in Senegal.

The Cameroon team were due to leave on Tuesday night for training in France.

Coach Henri Michel, who is under political pressure to select veteran star Roger Milla, said in a radio interview on Sunday the 42-year-old would not play complete matches if he did join the final team.

"I told Roger, 'come for training, I'll make you play sections of matches, parts of matches,' because he knows himself that he can't play whole matches," Michel said.

"After the series of trainings and friendly matches, I think we will take a joint decision whether he is able to offer something to the Cameroon team or not," he added.

Nuremberg seek justice

BONN, Apr 25: Struggling Nuremberg added spice to an already exciting Bundesliga run-in on Sunday by protesting against a controversial goal which gave Bayern Munich a crucial victory a day earlier, reports Reuter.

Nuremberg's Board announced that the club had sent its protest to the German Football Association (DFB) in the hope of securing a replay of Saturday's match, which Bayern won 2-1.

Close-up television pictures made it hard to see how the referee could have allowed Bayern's opening goal. Bayern's players and coach Franz Beckenbauer admitted after the game the ball had not crossed the line.

The outcome of the appeal — for which there is already a precedent with a rematch ordered — could be crucial to the title race. The win left Bayern, seeking a record 13th

title, two points ahead of Kaiserslautern with two matches to play.

For Nuremberg, defeat left them only two points and one place above the relegation zone.

If a replay is ordered, the extra game will have to be fitted in sometime in midweek before the final Saturday of the league season on May 7.

The controversial goal came in the 24th minute when defender Thomas Helmer went for a ball parried by Nuremberg keeper Andi Koepke but could only drag it wide with his left heel.

Bayern went on to dominate with Helmer scoring again on the hour. But the Jitters set in when Nuremberg's Swiss striker Alain Sutter struck back with 10 minutes left.

Hero turned villain two minutes later when Helmer fouled Christian Wueck in the area, but keeper Raimond Aumann ensured Bayern took both points by saving Manfred

Schwabe's penalty.

"We were the better side for 80 minutes. The ball really didn't go over the line, but it would be wrong just to put the win down to that goal," Beckenbauer said.

But Kaiserslautern coach Friedel Rausch was less sanguine.

If history is anything to go by, Nuremberg have a good chance of a replay.

In 1978 the DFB's sporting panel decreed that a Second Division match between Borussia Neunkirchen and Stuttgart kickers should be replayed because Neunkirchen's 4-3 win included a goal scored through a hole in the side netting.

Such a ruling would put added pressure on Bayern, who already face two tough final fixtures, away to in-form Karlsruhe and at home to Schalke. Kaiserslautern must play at home to Dortmund, also currently on song, and away at Hamburg.

Ready, Blackburn's black ox

LONDON, Apr 25: Blackburn's English title hopes were seriously damaged on Sunday when they conceded a goal six minutes from time to drop two critical points in 1-1 draw at home to Queen's Park Rangers, reports Reuter.

Defender Karl Ready, whose foul led to Alan Shearer putting Blackburn ahead with a moment of instinctive brilliance, made amends with his first goal of the season in a bizarre goalmouth scramble.

Blackburn, who had won their 13 previous Premier league matches at Ewood Park, were left trailing leaders Manchester United by two points, having played one game more. Blackburn have only three games remaining.

Shearer looked to have lifted Blackburn to victory when, two minutes into first-half injury time, he scored his 34th goal of the season.

The England striker stunned Rangers when he took a quick free-kick from 20 metres out and curled the ball around the wall into the top corner of the net.

Rangers, who had England forward Les Ferdinand carried off with a serious knee injury after just 20 minutes, rarely looked like scoring until Ready pounced in the 84th minute.

A free-kick from well outside the area ricocheted off at least two players before falling perfectly for the unmarked Ready.

Blackburn captain Tim Sherwood said: "That's a massive blow for us. We needed three points and they sneaked a goal at the end. We are gutted but we did not play as well as we could."

Ermili wins Paris Marathon

PARIS, Apr 25: Moroccan Said Er Ermili won the Paris Marathon in a final sprint over Antonio Pinto of Portugal Sunday in 2 hours, 10 minutes, 56 seconds, reports AP.

Third was Andrew Masai of Kenya with two-time winner Ahmed Salah of Djibouti fourth. Salah won previously in 1984 and 1986.

Mari Tanigawa of Japan won the women's race in 2:27:55, the second consecutive victory for Japan in that division. She outpaced Eycke Brescher of Germany, who finished in 2:32:02, and Olga Logunova of Russia who turned in 2:33:00.

"I knew I was pretty fast, and was certain I would win the whole way," Er Ermili said after his victory. He said his goal now is to win an Olympic or world championships medal.

For now, Er Ermili is taking home 150,000 francs (dfrs 26,000) for Sunday's run, while Tanigawa won 120,000 francs (dfrs 21,000).

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- What was the name of the 1982 World Cup mascot? Pique Ola Naranjito
- Where will the '94 World Cup opening ceremony be held? Chicago New York Detroit
- Which Argentine coach was nicknamed 'Big Nose'? Bilardo Menotti Basile
- Which Asian country played in the 1978 World Cup? Iran Israel Kuwait
- Who was the West German manager in 1966? Derwall Schoen Meisl
- Who was the referee in the 1974 World Cup Final? Taylor Reader Warken
- When was the World Cup first televised? 1954 1958 1962
- How many European teams will play in World Cup USA '94? 11 12 13
- Which country is making its debut in the WC finals this year? Sweden Spain Greece

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