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Angry Argentina cancel trip

Japan remains adamant



KUALA LUMPUR, May 13: FIFA president Joao Havelange said on Friday the world soccer body would not get involved in a row between Argentina and Japan after Tokyo denied Argentine superstar Diego Maradona a visa, reports Reuters.

"It is a problem between the two nations," Havelange told reporters in Kuala Lumpur on the final day of the Asian Football Confederation's four-yearly congress.

"We would not intervene if it was friendly match between the two countries," he added.

Japan's Justice Ministry announced on Thursday that, because of an old drugs conviction, it would deny Maradona a visa to play in a three-nation World Cup warm-up tournament here in late May.

Maradona, 33, was banned from soccer for 15 months in 1991 for cocaine abuse while playing for Italian side Napoli, later that year he was arrested in Buenos Aires for drug possession.

Japan's Justice Minister snubbed a cabinet colleague on Friday by refusing to lift the entry ban despite fears that it could damage Japan's hopes of hosting the 2002 World Cup.

"There is no denying that the issue could blow up into a diplomatic row," said a Football Association of Japan official.

Seeking to mend fences, Foreign Minister Koji Kakizawa asked Justice Minister Hiroshi Nakai to review the ban.

"Has a decision already been made on Maradona? Is it 100 percent (final)?" he asked Nakai before Friday's cabinet meeting.

The Justice Minister told reporters afterwards he did make it clear he would resist any pressure to change courts.

At the same time, Nakai told Health and Welfare Minister Keigo Ouchi, the man in charge of the fight against drugs, "In its Maradona decision, Japan has taken a courageous attitude to eradicate drugs. I want you to welcome it heartily."

The Football Association of Japan official said FAJ executive director Junji Ogura had cut short a visit to Kuala Lumpur where he was attending the confederation meeting to fly to Argentina.

Brazil: A team sans middle?

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 13: Brazil's World Cup squad, announced by coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, is desperately short of midfield creativity, say soccer experts, reports Reuters.

An excellent attack, a reasonable defence but an unimaginative midfield was the widespread verdict on the 22 players named by Parreira on Tuesday for Brazil's attempt at a fourth World Cup win.

"He's picked a midfield where the emphasis is too much on players who mark and not enough on players who create," said 1970 Brazil World Cup midfielder Gerson, now a television commentator.

"It's a good squad and I'm optimistic but it could have been a lot better," he said.

Although Parreira said on Tuesday that Brazil's players would be given freedom to attack, Gerson said there was still too much emphasis on tactics and not enough on the traditional Brazilian flair.

"Brazil will play exactly the same way as the other teams when really we should be different," he said. "In terms of playing standards, I think this will be the worst World Cup for the last 20 years."

Newspaper columnist Fer-



Dutch soccer star Ruud Gullit (L) leaves the Town Hall of Milan together with his bride Cristina Pensa (R) after they got married on Thursday. The person in the middle is unidentified.

3 hurt in blast outside Japanese Embassy

BUENOS AIRES, May 13: A tear-gas grenade exploded in front of the Japanese Embassy on Friday, slightly injuring three people in an attack apparently the result of Tokyo's refusal to grant a visa to Diego Maradona, reports AP.

A flyer referring Maradona signed by the Peoples' Revolutionary Organization was found outside the embassy, Argentine news agencies reported. The group has been blamed for other minor attacks in recent years.

The victims' injuries were mostly to the eyes, federal police said. It was not immediately known if those hurt were embassy employees.

The embassy said Thursday that the government in Tokyo, citing Maradona's drug record, denied him a visa to play with the Argentine national team in the Kirin Cup exhibition tournament next month.

Bookies favour Cantona

LONDON, May 13: Bookmakers have made French striker Eric Cantona 6-1 favourite to score the first goal in Saturday's intriguing FA Cup final between Manchester United and Chelsea, reports AP.

After Cantona in the list of odds released by Corals, comes Chelsea striker Mark Stein, rated a 13-2 shot to score first, followed by United's Mark Hughes (7-1) and Ryan Giggs (8-1).

United are the clear favourites to win the trophy, rated 4-9 by Corals and 1-2 by rival Ladbrokes.

But one Chelsea fan laid a 2,000-pound (dls 3,000) bet with Ladbrokes at odds of 50-1 for his team to win 3-0.

Palmeiras' fine double

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 13: Palmeiras won the Sao Paulo championship for the second year running when they beat Santo Andre 1-0 while nearest rivals Sao Paulo were held to a 4-4 draw by Novorizontino, reports Reuters.

Former Atalanta striker Evair, overlooked by Brazil trainer Carlos Alberto Parreira for the World Cup, clinched the title by scoring in the 18th minute with his 22nd goal of the competition in Thursday's match.

Four minutes from the end the pitch was invaded by dozens of jubilant Palmeiras supporters and the game was held up for more than 20 minutes.

Palmeiras had already been guaranteed the title earlier when nearest rivals Sao Paulo, whose match kicked off one hour earlier, could only draw despite at one stage leading Novorizontino 3-0.

Novorizontino levelled the game at 3-3. Sao Paulo went ahead again when Gilmar scored in the 76th minute from what appeared to be an offside position, but Novorizontino midfielder Genilson equalised with a penalty five minutes from time.

Gilmar and Junior Ballanoa of Sao Paulo and Guilherme of Novorizontino were sent off as tempers flared in the dying minutes.

Aussie WC bid in a muddle

MELBOURNE, May 13: An Australian bid to host the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament continued to come under fire Friday, with local officials saying the plan has no chance of success, reports AP.

Victorian State Premier Jeff Kennett stunned Australian officials on Thursday when he announced that Melbourne had joined Japan, South Korea and Colombia in seeking to host soccer's biggest event.

Kennett came under immediate fire from Australian Soccer Federation officials — who were not consulted about the Victorian government plan.

Criticism mounted Friday, with former Australian captain Johnny Warren, a respected journalist and broadcaster, accusing Kennett of being "a boof head" for going ahead with the bid.

Warren said the Australian bid had "no chance" and that whoever advised Kennett to bid for the World Cup was "totally out of control."

Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) chief executive Ian Holmes was amazed by the bid. "I find it inexplicable how they have approached an international body without first consulting the national body," Holmes said.

Melbourne failed in a bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games. Sydney, in the adjoining state of New South Wales, will host the Olympic Games in 2000.

Matthaeus, matured, motivated



NEUSS, Germany, May 13: By July 17 Lothar Matthaeus could have earned himself a lasting place in World Cup history, reports Reuters.

If Germany successfully defend their title, and assuming he is not injured, Matthaeus will become the first man to captain two World Cup winning teams.

And with 16 World Cup finals appearances already to his credit from the tournaments of 1982, 1986 and 1990, Matthaeus could also end the 1994 competition having played in more finals matches than any other player.

The current record of 21 appearances is held jointly by Germany's Uwe Seeler and Wladislaw Zmuda of Poland, Matthaeus could lift that record to 23 appearances.

Now 33, this is likely to be Matthaeus' last World Cup — likely to be, but not all certain that it will be.

He hardly seems to have aged since he skipped his country to success in Italy four years ago with performances that earned him the European and world player of the year awards for 1990.

The only noticeable sign of advancing years is that he has dropped back from the physically demanding battle ground that is midfield to play as a sweeper or libero, where he has rather more time and space to work his magic.

He looks as sharp and as

dangerous as in his younger days and Berti Vogts, the German national coach, said as much in a recent interview with Reuters.

Asked which players he expected to dominate this year's World Cup finals, Vogts reeled off a few names from around the world.

The German trainer then paused for a second to think and said: "And our up and coming youngster Lothar Matthaeus."

The phrase spoke volumes about the man who will become only the ninth player in history to appear in four World

He missed the tournament in Sweden after rupturing knee ligaments in April 1992, an injury which kept him out of the game for months.

Now fully recovered, he seems to have taken on a new lease of life since moving to Bayern, who have just clinched the Bundesliga title for the 13th time, have been so impressed with his form that they have given him a new three-year contract, a tremendous vote of confidence to a player on the wrong side of 30.

"He is the best player the club has," said Franz Beckenbauer, Bayern's coach and the German's 1990 World Cup trainer. "Without him the club would not be where it is."

Matthaeus recently took over from Beckenbauer as the most capped German player and now has 109 appearances to his name.

And if he maintains his current form — and his place in the national side — for just another two seasons or so, he could yet pass the world record of 125 caps held by former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

In personality terms, Matthaeus could not be further apart from Beckenbauer, universally known as "the kaiser" for his cool, composed approach on the pitch.

When Matthaeus was smashing up cars after a night on the town and gaining a reputation as a loudmouth in his youth, few people would ever

have predicted that he would become the star he is today.

The taming of the wild ex-painter and decorator has been one of Germany's biggest sporting success stories in the last decade.

When Matthaeus was beginning his career at Borussia Moenchengladbach in the early 1980s his tendency to use a lot of words but say little of substance earned him the tag of "Lothar the loudmouth."

In 1983 he lost his driving licence for eight months after smashing his Mercedes into a garden fence after he had been drinking.

Matthaeus admits he matured when he went to Milan to lay for Internazionale between 1988 and 1992.

But Matthaeus can sometimes still get upset with criticism and is prone to outbursts off the field which have a got him into trouble with the media in the last year.

But he has largely remained unaffected by stardom and will often spend time talking to reporters. He remains down to earth despite being a multi-millionaire who could retire tomorrow and never have to work again in his life.

His experience on and off the field will be vital to the German who will be under an intense spotlight every day during the world cup tournament.

And it is not inconceivable that on July 17, the day of the final, Lothar Matthaeus could be standing proudly in the spotlight again.

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Quiz 4.

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Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

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| 1. Who scored Holland's goal in the 1974 final? | Neeskens <input type="checkbox"/> | Cruyff <input type="checkbox"/> | Resenbrink <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. When did Brazil first win the World Cup? | 1954 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1958 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1970 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Which Asian country played in the 1966 World Cup? | DPR Korea <input type="checkbox"/> | Iran <input type="checkbox"/> | Israel <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Which African country played in the 1970 Cup? | Zaire <input type="checkbox"/> | Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> | Tunisia <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. How many goals did the Hungarian team score in the 1954 World Cup? | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> | 27 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Which Brazilian scored in every round of the 1970 World Cup? | Pele <input type="checkbox"/> | Tostao <input type="checkbox"/> | Jairzinho <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. How many players did France use in the 1978 World Cup? | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> | 22 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. How many goals did England score in the 1986 World Cup? | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Who was Brazil's Cup-winning captain in 1962? | Zito <input type="checkbox"/> | Mauro <input type="checkbox"/> | Alberto <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Which famous player was called the "Little Bird"? | Boniek <input type="checkbox"/> | Zico <input type="checkbox"/> | Garrincha <input type="checkbox"/> |

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