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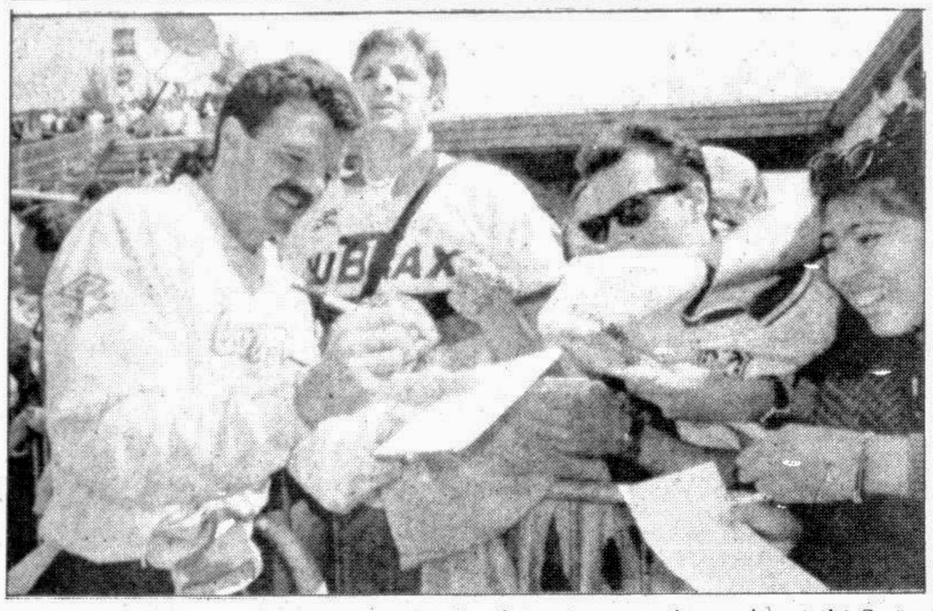


Brazilian goalkeeper Gilmar signs autographs after a team practice session at the Santa Clara University in California on Friday. — AFP photo

To Olsen soccer is a science

OSLO, May 28: Norweigian soccer coach Egil "Drillo" Olsen believes Norway are the best team in the world — at least when his players don't have the ball, reports Reuter.

A cult figure in Norway — where even a new "Drillo" ice-cream is on sale in his honour — Olsen has led Norway to their first World Cup finals since 1938.

"Professor" Olsen, 52, has spent long hours poring over videos to create what he calls effective football — a style criticised abroad as a boring kick-and-chase, with players obeying orders but lacking artistry.

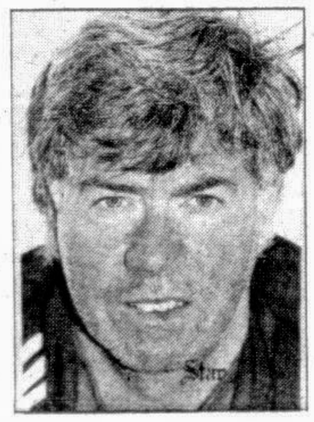
"Some people look at football as something about beauty and attractiveness. But not us. We look at football as a game of winning and losing. Nothing else," he says.

And win they do. With upset victories against Italy, the Netherlands and England, Norway have earned 19 wins, 12 draws and just seven losses since Olsen took command in 1990 after graduating from coaching the Olympic and under-21 sides.

"I think we're the best team in the world without the ball. With the ball, I'm sorry to say, there are many players and many teams who are better. But we run a lot, and we run effectively," he said recently.

"We use support passes and square passes to a minimum. We play the ball forward," said Olsen, a senior lecturer at Oslo's University of Sport and Physical Education.

Olsen, whose face is dominated by old-fashioned square glasses and who often wears Wellington boots in the dugout, has created a side increasingly difficult to score against.



EGIL OLSEN ...Norweigian coach

The grey-haired coach, who played 16 games for Norway and earned his nickname from his ability to drill his passes through opposition defences, was once jokingly nominated for a Nobel prize by a Swedish newspaper.

A Norweigian television channel reported on April Fool's Day that he would miss the World Cup — joking that the United States was refusing him a visa because of his real-life record of supporting radical left-wing politics.

Olsen reckons Norweigian soccer — which he calls a refinement of the style of English club Wimbledon — may eventually win more fans.

"I think that in the long term what's effective will gradually turn out to be seen as the most attractive," he said.

He also considers soccer to be underdeveloped, and is writing a book, "Effective Football," partly to overcome a deficit of soccer science.

"It often seems that trainers at the top level — who would not have chances in other areas of life because they have no qualifications — become trainers simply because they've been top players," he said without naming any.

WC: A case of wait and see

WASHINGTON, May 28: World Cup organisers are trumpeting a likely sell-out of all 52 matches in the 1994 finals, but it remains to be seen if football can ignite the passions of America's over-stimulated sports fans, reports AFP.

From the opening match on June 17, which would signal the sporting event of a lifetime in most countries, the Cup will be competing with entrenched US sports.

The National Basketball Association championship finals will be reaching their peak, and the US Open golf championship will be underway.

US television network officials were so unwilling to tamper with their tried-and-true golf coverage that the United States will launch their Cup bid with an 11:30 am kickoff against Switzerland on June 18.

The performance of the US side in that game may be the decisive factor in whether the World Cup captures the imagination of American spectators.

As US manager Bora Milutinovic put it: "The only thing Americans care about is being first."

World Cup USA chairman Alan Rothenberg said much the same.

But it's an uphill battle. A February Harris Poll of 1,252 adults showed the number of people who knew the Cup would be played in the United States was 20 per cent.

The number of people very interested in watching a live World Cup match was 15 per cent, and the number of people who would be very interested in watching a match on television was 17 per cent.

Those numbers were an improvement on a similar poll conducted last autumn.

A poll conduced by the Sports Marketing Group of Dallas, Texas, in late 1992 and early 1993, showed a sample of 1,479 people age 12 and older ranked football behind log rolling and target shooting as a spectator sport that they "love" or "like a lot."

Rothenberg said brisk sales of tickets and World Cup paraphernalia belied those figures.

"One way you can measure interest is ticket sales, and when they flock out and spend money to buy tickets way in advance of the event, that's one indication," he said. "I think we'll have the public with us that month June 17 through July 17."

The public is out there buying merchandise, and that means they want to be identified with what we're doing

Organisers also point to the huge numbers of young football players as proof the game has an audience here, but Nye Lavalle, head of Sports Marketing Group, said that was not necessarily so.

"One of the things they're counting on to make the World Cup go is the huge number of kids playing," Lavalle said.

"What we learned long ago through research is you can't use participation data to predict spectator data.

"People play a sport for exercise or social interaction or emotion, whatever. But they watch and attend sports for entertainment."

The NBA offers a fast-paced action-oriented game with a lot of scoring. The National Football League offers the spectacle of bone-crushing tackles as 300 pound linemen run down ball carriers.

Even baseball, with its desultory lulls, provided a 16-14 World Series victory by Toronto last year.

When the action on the playing field fails to mesmerise, American sports packagers fill the gap with mascots, cheerleaders, free giveaways and promotions like the one in which a Chicago basketball fan won a million dollars for sinking a shot from the far end of the court.

In Dallas, home of the Super Bowl champion Cowboys, none of five matches scheduled had sold out as of mid-May. But Dallas spokeswoman Chaless Stachowiak was optimistic.

Dutch international Ruud Gullit skips over a tackle by Scotland's Colin Hendry during a World Cup warm-up match in Utrecht, Netherlands on Friday. The Netherlands won 3-1. — AFP photo

Italy's first

ROME, May 28: Italy made a morale-boosting start to their World Cup soccer warm-up campaign with a 2-0 victory over Finland in a friendly international in Parma on Friday, reports Reuter.

Goals from Giuseppe Signori (24th minute) and Lazio teammate Pier Luigi Casiraghi (66th) gave the Italians their first win of the year, following defeats against France and Germany.

Coach Arrigo Sacchi's new frontline, which combines the goal-scoring talents of Signori, Roberto Baggio and Nicola Berti proved a constant thorn in the side of the Finnish defence.

Signori had the ball in the net as early as the second minute but the referee disallowed the goal for offside.

The striker gained revenge midway through the half, capitalising on a slip by defender Ari Helkkinen before rounding Markku Kanerva and beating goalkeeper Petri Jakonen with a low diagonal shot.

Ari Hjelm puller the ball back across an open goal but Franco Baresi cleared his lines.

Lorenzo Minotti struck the post with the rebound before Casiraghi deflected a shot from Antonio Conte into the net for his team's second goal.

Italy continued to press for a third but Jakonen saved late efforts from Signori and Roberto Donadoni.

The Italians, who open their World Cup bid with a match against Ireland on June 18, meet Switzerland at the Olympic Stadium in Rome next Friday.

Swiss win

BASLE, Switzerland, May 28: Switzerland beat Liechtenstein 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly soccer international on Friday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: Herr (30th minute), Hottiger (65th).

No sex,no Maradona?

QUITO, May 28: Diego Maradona will just twiddle his thumbs if Argentina's coach Alfio Basile slaps a sex ban on his players during the World Cup, reports AFP.

"You have to respect what your trainer decides," Maradona said. "He has said our wives can accompany us to the United States but if he changes his mind I will just have to twiddle my thumbs."

Maradona, speaking after Argentina's 1-0 defeat against Equador here on Wednesday, said there was no obvious successor to him in the World Cup side but added: "Claudio Caniggia is one of the best players I have seen in my life."

Gullit returns with a bang

UTRECHT, Netherlands, May 28: Ruud Gullit ended a 13-month absence from the Dutch team by returning to set up the first goal as the World Cup qualifiers beat Scotland 3-1 in a friendly international on Friday, reports Reuter.

Strikes by Bryan Roy and Peter van Vossen, and an own goal from Brian Irvine, took the Netherlands to victory, while Duncan Shearer notched a consolation goal for the Scots.

Gullit withdrew from the international scene after he was substituted in the World Cup qualifier against England at Wembley in April last year, but made his peace with Dutch coach Dick Advocaat after enjoying one of his best seasons in the Italian league at Sampdoria.

The Dutch started as Advocaat had said he would like to see them play — strong in midfield with patient attacks — and they were rewarded after only 17 minutes.

Gullit broke down the right, slipping past Stewart McKimmie, and crossing to Marc Overmars whose shot was blocked, but Roy hammered home the rebound.

Gullit did not return after halftime, being replaced by Van Vossen, who scored in the 61st minute after a combination with Rob Witschge from a pass by Wim Jonk. It was Van Vossen's seventh goal in only eight appearances.

Seven minutes later Witschge earned a penalty after being brought down by defender Colin Hendry. Jonk thudded the ball against the bar.

In the 71st minute, Irvine slid a cross by Arthur Numan past goalkeeper Bryan Gunn, who had come after halftime for Jim Leighton.

Shearer pulled one back in the 81st minute following a cross from the right by Eion Jess.

Gullit played on the spot reserved for Dennis Bergkamp but the Internazionale striker was ruled out because of a slight leg injury

Illgner wins Vogts' vote

BONN, May 28: German coach Berti Vogts answered the most difficult question about his team for this year's World Cup finals on Friday when he named Cologne's Bodo Illgner as his number one goalkeeper for the tournament, reports Reuter.

The competition between the 27-year-old Illgner, who kept goal when the Germans won the World Cup in 1990, and Nuremberg's Andreas Koepke has been fierce in the past two seasons.

But Vogts, who has kept the question open until the last minute, said Illgner would keep goal in Germany's friendly against Ireland in Hanover on Sunday and informed the keeper of his World Cup decision after a pre-breakfast run on Friday.

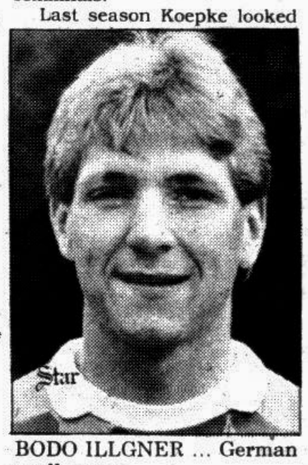
Vogts had sat until past midnight on Thursday discussing the problem with 1974 World Cup goalkeeper Sepp Maier and his fellow assistant coaches.

"It was the most difficult decision that I have ever has to take in my career as national team coach," Vogts said. "The deciding factor was that Bodo has the experience of being in goal during the 1990 World Cup campaign."

Illgner had to fend off a fierce challenge for his place in 1990 from Bayern Munich's Raimond Aumann.

But the towering player hit form at the right time and made a crucial save in a penalty shoot-out to help the Germans beat England in the semifinals.

Last season Koepke looked to be in serious contention but he has since had problems with his club Nuremberg who have just lost a battle to avoid relegation from the Bundesliga.



BODO ILLGNER ... German goalkeeper

At 32, Koepke, who is to join Eintracht Frankfurt next season, is unlikely to have another chance of making a serious bid for the top spot in the national team. He was clearly bitterly disappointed.

"I always said that it would be a bitter pill to swallow for the number two," he said. "We will see whether the trainer's decision is right ... of course I'm disappointed. My breakfast did not taste of anything this morning."

Vogts is not making too many experiments for the game against Ireland although Kaiserslautern midfielder Martin Wagner, who has just one previous cap, will be given a spot on the left side of midfield instead of veteran Andreas Brehme.

Werder Bremen's in-form midfielder Mario Basler, who earned his first full cap in Germany's last game against the United Arab Emirates, is also expected to play.

Veteran Marseille striker Rudi Voeller, who has been called out of retirement from international soccer for the World Cup, is not expected to start the match. Karlheinz Riedle will partner Juergen Klinsmann up front.

Probable German team: Bodo Illgner, Lothar Matthaeus, Juergen Kohler, Thomas Strunaz, Mario Basler, Guido Buchwald, Stefan Effenberg, Martin Wagner, Andy Moeller, Karlheinz Riedle, Juergen Klinsmann.

Rich incentive for Romanians

BUCHAREST, May 28: The Romanian squad will get 125,000 dollars each if they win the World Cup in the United States this year, Romanian Soccer Federation president Mircei Sandu said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Sandu told reporters, each of the 22-strong squad would get 25 per cent more than the 100,000 dollars he said had been promised to Brazilian players who play in the final.

Organisers play down scare

ORLANDO, Fla, May 28: Orlando's police chief and the chief executive of World Cup USA have dismissed newspaper reports that English hooligans will team up with Dutch thugs to disrupt tournament soccer matches this summer, reports AP.

Police Chief Tom Hurlburt and World Cup boss Alan Rothenberg said the reports were unsubstantiated.

Rothenberg, on an inspection tour of the nine American host cities, said during a news conference that the stories were erroneous.

Hurlburt said officials at England's National Criminal Intelligence Service denied the report appearing in the London-based national paper The Guardian last weekend. The official cited by the paper said he was misquoted, Hurlburt added.

The story was repeated by The Tampa Tribune on Friday, along with speculation about possible violence.

The Guardian story said English hooligans were likely to link up with Dutch extremist groups at the Holland-Belgium match June 25 in Orlando and at a potential quarterfinal July 10 between Holland and Germany at East Rutherford, NJ.

Holland knocked England out of the World Cup finals.

The chief happened to be meeting in his office with Rothenberg to discuss security and other aspects of the tournament games starting next month and continuing into July.

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4.	Who scored the first hattrick in a World Cup Final?	Pele	☐	Piola	☐	Hurst	☐
5.	Who was the first player to get a red card in a WC Final?	Garrincha	☐	Dezotti	☐	Monzon	☐
6.	Who scored Germany's winning goal in the 1990 WC Final?	Klinsmann	☐	Voeller	☐	Brehme	☐
7.	How many World Cup appearances did Pele make?	12	☐	14	☐	16	☐
8.	Which country played in the 1978 World Cup after a gap of 20 years?	Austria	☐	France	☐	Peru	☐
9.	When was the first-ever goalless draw in a World Cup?	1938	☐	1958	☐	1978	☐
10.	Who captained the World Cup-winning German team in 1954?	Rahn	☐	F Walter	☐	O Walter	☐

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