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DEJECTED: Dutch international Ruud Gullit holds his head down during a press conference in Noordwijk, the Netherlands on Monday at which he announced he had walked out on the national team and will not play in the World Cup finals in the United States. — AFP photo

WC without Ruud Gullit?

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, May 31: Dutch soccer star Ruud Gullit walked out of the national squad's training camp on Monday less than three weeks before the start of the showpiece World Cup finals in the United States and said he was quitting, reports Reuter.

The dramatic exit came just three days after former European footballer-of-the-year Gullit made an international comeback lasting just 45 minutes following 13 months of self-imposed exile.

"This is the end for me with the Dutch team," Gullit, who captained the Netherlands to triumph in the 1988 European Championship final, told Dutch Television.

No reason was given for his walk-out but the 31-year-old player criticised the way the Dutch side were playing on Friday, the day they beat Scotland 3-1 in a World Cup warm-up game in Utrecht.

He was quoted as saying the team's tactics were wrong for the high temperatures, and humidity in the United States and as a counter to defensive World Cup opponents such as first-round group rivals like Belgium and Morocco.

The Dutch ANP news agency said Gullit would explain his reasons for quitting to coach Dick Advocaat after the World Cup which ends in mid-July.

Advocaat dismissed the suggested link between Gullit's departure and team tactics. The coach said on Saturday that he would decide how the team played, not Gullit.

"He (Gullit) told me yesterday (Sunday) by phone. We spoke for around 15 minutes but did not say much," Advocaat told television, adding he would name a replacement before Friday.

Squad captain Ronald Koeman, left to tell the other players about Gullit's departure, said: "The moment is badly chosen. The team needs a bit of peace. He has hurt us leaving this way because the team now has to do something different again."

"An in-form Gullit is important to the team. It's a slap in the face. The players were amazed."

Gullit went into exile from international soccer in April 1993 after he was substituted during a World Cup qualifying match against England at Wembley. It was the second time he had quit international soccer in just over six months.

The dreaded Dutchman, European and world footballer-of-the-year in 1987, has just ended one of his best seasons in the Italian league at Sampdoria, helping the previously unfancied club win the Italian Cup.

Earlier this month he signed a one-year, 1.5 billion lire (880,000 dollars) contract to return to Italian and European champions AC Milan where he played with the greatest distinction for six years, winning top honours and wooing fans worldwide.

Recently married, Gullit appeared to have made his peace with Advocaat and had rejoined the national squad ahead of the World Cup finals in buoyant mood.

One of the game's most distinctive and charismatic performers and a long-time favourite with crowds who adored his athleticism, flair, sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game, Gullit had said he would retire from international soccer after the World Cup.

"I don't have to be the number one or anything. I don't want to be the captain. I don't need to be involved in discussions with the coach on the line-up. I just want to make my experience available for teammates, help them to play better, set up chances for them," he said recently.

Gullit's walk-out is likely to spark fears that the Dutch, who have a habit of self-destruction around the time of major tournaments, may again be about to shoot themselves in the foot.

Often their own worst enemies, the Dutch have gone into major championships riddled with self-doubt and torn apart by international bickering over team selection and tactics.

Before the 1990 World Cup in Italy, coach Thijs Libregts resigned after several star players disputed tactics and clamoured for former idol Johan Cruyff to take over. Cruyff's club side Barcelona refused to release him and Leo Beenhakker presided over a disappointing series.

The son of a Surinamese father and a Dutch mother, the Amsterdam-born Gullit made his professional debut at the age of 16 for local club Haarlem before moving to bigger Dutch clubs and eventually to Milan for a then world-record fee of 5.5 million pounds (8.28 million dollars).

In 1988 he captained the Dutch to victory over the Soviet Union in the European championship final in Munich and was hailed by Ireland manager Jack Charlton as "the complete modern footballer."

Others include Yordan Lechkov of German First Division Hamburg, Krasimir Balakov of Portugal's Sporting Lisbon and Bontcho Genchev of England's Ipswich Town.

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But Penev, a forward who has been with Valencia in Spain for the last five seasons, will accompany the team to the finals in the United States.

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Milla still a mystery

YAOUNDE, May 31: Doubts remained about whether Cameroon veteran Roger Milla would grace the World Cup finals next month when coach Henri Michel named a 23-man squad on Monday, from which one player has to be dropped by Friday, reports Reuter.

Milla, Cameroon's 1990 World Cup sensation, is 42 and suffered a ligament injury in March, but Michel is under heavy political pressure to put him in the team for the United States. Milla, who scored four of the "Indomitable Lions" seven goals in Italia 90 came out of retirement this year for the second time.

He scored the Lions' only goal in a friendly last week against French Cup holders Auxerre, who won 2-1.

The squad, broadcast by state radio, included three goalkeepers, five defenders, seven midfielders and eight strikers. Eleven of the 23 are overseas-based professionals and eight played in the 1990 World Cup.

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Stoichkov leads Bulgaria's WC quest

SOFIA, May 31: Strikers Hristo Stoichkov and Emil Kostadinov lead a large array of foreign based players in Bulgaria's squad for the World Cup finals announced by team chief Dimitar Penev on Monday, reports Reuter.

Barcelona's Stoichkov and Porto's Kostadinov, scorer of the last-gasp goal against France which propelled Bulgaria into the finals, are among 13 foreign based players in the 22-strong squad.

Others include Yordan Lechkov of German First Division Hamburg, Krasimir Balakov of Portugal's Sporting Lisbon and Bontcho Genchev of England's Ipswich Town.

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Former soccer coach on trial for fraud

GRASSE, France, May 31: A former professional soccer coach, his Italian countess companion and 16 other people went on trial Monday for gambling fraud worth 50 million francs (dfrs 8.7 million), reports AP.

Roland Courbis, ex-coach of the Bordeaux soccer club, and Countess Maria-Luisa Rozzoli topped the list of defendants accused of cheating on the tables of a casino in this Riviera town.

According to prosecutors, Courbis and Rozzoli, widow of an Italian press magnate, were in league with corrupt dealers and crookiers whom they paid a cut to allow them to cheat.

The casino employees overpaid the couple for their wagers according to crookiers who opened the week-long trial with testimony on Monday. Several are charged in the case, which dates from 1988.

Clemente: Rigid or maverick?

MADRID, May 31: Javier Clemente Lazarom Spanish national coach since September 1992, is a blunt Basque whose uncompromising views about football and footballers are mixed with a sharp sense of humour, reports Reuter.

His squad for the World Cup in the United States looks likely to be made very much in his own image — strong and solid, with few frills but with areas of sparkle and flair.

Clemente himself has described his team as "a strong squad with skill, rather than a skilful squad with strength."

Clean shaven, with permanent smile lines in the corners of his eyes, the 44-year-old Clemente has stuck determinedly to his own style of selection despite sometimes vociferous criticism.

He is adamant that Barcelona's 33-year-old goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta is still the automatic first choice after 10 years and 86 caps, despite recent signs of fragility.

For the past two seasons he has refused to pick Real Madrid's 66-cap attacking midfielder Michel Gonzalez even when the media were unanimous that Michel's form and experience demanded his inclusion.

Gangling striker Julio Salinas cannot nowadays get a game with Barcelona but Clemente continues to choose him for the national team.

Clemente's squad unfailingly contain between seven

and nine players from Barcelona, to the anger of the Catalan club's coach Johan Cruyff who claims such mass selection of his players prejudices their league performance.

Clemente simply says that he picks the players he thinks best fit his scheme of play.



JAVIER CLEMENTE ...

Spanish coach Personal animosity between Clemente and former Dutch international Cruyff dominated sports newspapers, radio and television towards the end of the Spanish league season when the national coach appeared to favour Deportivo Coruna in their struggle for the championship, with Barcelona.

In 17 games with Clemente in charge, Spain have won nine, drawn six and lost two —

in three experimental friendlies earlier this year they drew with Portugal and Poland but were disappointingly beaten by a talented if makeshift Croatia team.

Clemente has had mixed relations with the media, causing a brief uproar last year when he half-lowered his shorts and aimed his backside at a photographer who had found their way into a supposedly closed-door training session.

A forward with Athletic Bilbao until a knee injury ended his playing career in 1974, he returned to the club on the coaching staff in 1978.

He became first team coach in 1981 and took Athletic to the Spanish league championship in 1983 and the league and Cup double the following season.

Clemente steered Espanol of Barcelona to the UEFA Cup final in 1988, finally losing the trophy on penalties after Espanol won 3-0 at home but lost 3-0 away to Bayer Leverkusen.

He lasted six months with Atletico Madrid in 1989-90 before falling victim to the moods of volatile chairman Jesus Gil and returned to Espanol for a season before being chosen to run the national squad.

Romania's incentive raised

BUCHAREST, May 31: Romanian soccer players won a promise of higher bonuses for the first round of the World Cup finals from the sport's national ruling body on Monday, reports Reuter.

Maradona bemoans

BUENOS AIRES, May 31: Long flights on cheap seats, bad food and poor planning are undermining the spirit of Argentina's soccer team ahead of the World Cup finals, captain Diego Maradona said, reports Reuter.

Maradona, in an interview in Tel Aviv with Argentine Television, complained on Sunday night about the national football association's tour organisation.

"It's not that we think we should fly first class but I think we at least rate clipper seats," he said.

Maradona said some of his taller teammates had to stretch out on the floor of the planes to get some sleep during long flights.

"I was stuck on a flight in the middle of a noisy group who swarmed around me asking for autographs," he complained. "At one point I felt so put out I just wanted to go home."

Argentina have suffered criticism over the past few days after drawing 3-3 with Chile and losing 1-0 to Ecuador.

They face Israel today and Croatia on Saturday in their last warm-up friendlies before heading for Boston for the finals.

Maradona said players had complained to the team doctor about the food. "We ask only for the essentials. Direct flights, good hotels... we won't play better because we suffer," he said.

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

- 1. Who is the oldest player to have scored in the WC finals? Pele [] Vava [] R. Milla []
- 2. Which African team first won a game in the WC finals? Egypt [] Morocco [] Tunisia []
- 3. Who was the last winning captain to lift the World Cup in his own club stadium? Meazza [] Moore [] Passarella []
- 4. How many players did Brazil use to win the 1962 World Cup? 12 [] 14 [] 16 []
- 5. Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup? Eusebio [] Charlton [] Hurst []
- 6. In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team's game against the USA? Bilek [] Skuhravy [] Luhovy []
- 7. Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1979? Mauro [] Didt [] Zozimo []
- 8. In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter final stage without winning a match? Argentina [] Ireland [] Yugoslavia []
- 9. Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W Cups? G. Muller [] Pele [] Cubillas []
- 10. How many goals did Polish striker Lato score in the 1974 WC? 3 [] 5 [] 7 []

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Winner Briton Damon Hill (C) flanked by second placed Michael Schumacher (L) of Germany and third placed Briton Mark Blundell wave after he won the Spanish Formula. One Grand Prix in Barcelona on May 29. — AFP photo