



Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona (C) in action against Israel during a World Cup prep match in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. Argentina won 3-0. — AFP photo

Saga of a jack-easy genius

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, June 1: A dazzling talent tainted by a take-me-or-leave-me attitude towards his profession has made Dutch soccer star Ruud Gullit an exasperating charge for a succession of club and national coaches, reports Reuters.

Gullit, 31, walked out of the Dutch national squad on Monday with no explanation as to why he was quitting.

It was the former Dutch captain and European footballer-of-the-year's third, and likely final, exit from the international stage.

Always compelling to watch on the field, Gullit has the ability to single-handedly turn a match, but he has confessed to sleeping easily at night even after his team's defeats, leading to accusations that he has not always taken the game seriously.

He made his professional debut aged 16 at local club Haarlem and caught the eye of Feyenoord trainer Hans Kraay. Moving to the Rotterdam club in 1982, Gullit joined a successful side — including Johan Cruyff — which won the Dutch Championship in 1984.

Kraay moved to PSV Eindhoven and took Gullit with him in 1985, but the two fell out over how the side should play.

A furious Kraay demanded the Eindhoven Club back him and sack Gullit, but PSV sided with the player, who was by now a regular in the Dutch national side, and Kraay departed.

Gullit then criticised PSV for the way the club had treated him and joined AC Milan in the star-studded Italian league.

While Gullit settled easily into the role of super-idol,

hacker stepped in to take charge for what was a disappointing series for the below-par Dutch, beaten by West Germany in the quarter-finals.

Gullit's six-year spell at AC Milan, peppered with top honours, was also riddled with injury and he was no longer able to command a regular first-team place.

Hurt, he took his wounded pride into the Dutch team and after defeat by Italy in a friendly match, he quit.

Three years later he was back to help the Dutch qualify for the 1994 World Cup, but the humiliation of being substituted against England prompted another walkout.

A year later, and after an inspired season at Italian league club Sampdoria, Gullit seemed to have made his peace with the national squad to prepare for the World Cup, after which, he said, he would bow out.

But after just 45 minutes — the first half of a friendly against Scotland last Friday which the Dutch won 3-1 — Gullit appears to have decided he cannot play in the current team.

The bare statistics reveal Gullit won 65 caps for the Netherlands, scoring 16 goals, between 1981-94.

They give no insight into the enigmatic star, who enthralled crowds worldwide with his athleticism and enthusiasm, but who now risks losing the love and respect of his fellow Dutchmen.

player power was erupting within the Dutch squad preparing for the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Gullit was seen as the leader of a group of stars, fresh from winning the 1988 European Championship, who wanted to oust national coach Thijs Libregts and replace him with Cruyff.

After one match in Finland, Gullit asked Libregts to leave the dressing room so the players could talk more freely.

Cruyff, however, was refused permission by his club side Barcelona to coach the Netherlands and Leo Bee-

debut amid dozens of phone calls urging him to run as a candidate in the upcoming European elections, reports Reuters.

"Soccer is one of my passions and politics is the other."

Clinton to attend WC opening

WASHINGTON, June 1: President Clinton will attend the World Cup opening ceremonies in Chicago on June 17, the White House said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Vice-President Al Gore will attend the final at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Los Angeles, on July 17.

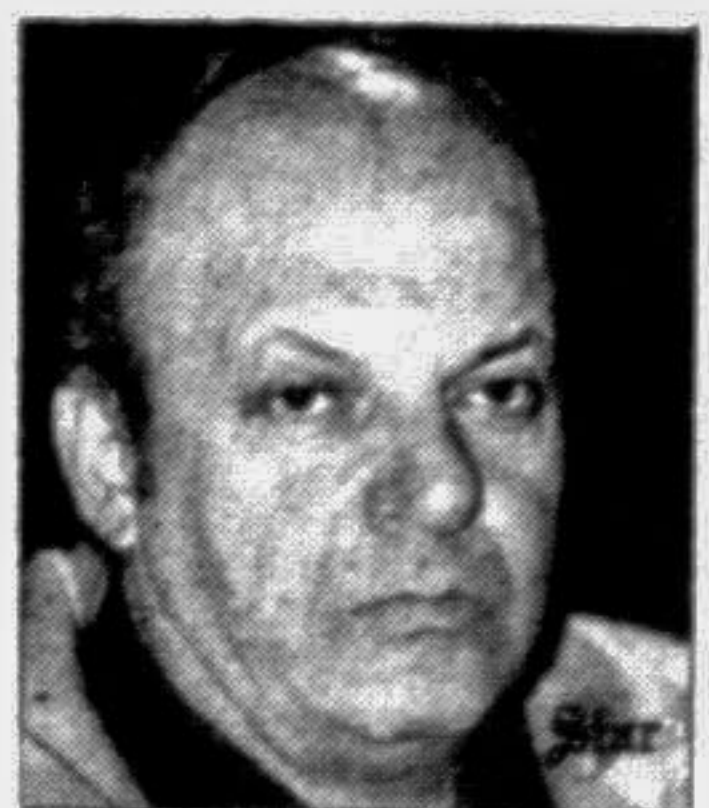
Clinton and Gore earlier met Joao Havelange, president of the world soccer body FIFA, and World Cup chairman Alan Rothenberg for a 15 minute discussion.

The White House said the meeting was "very cordial and exciting" and added that Clinton thanked Havelange for his role in bringing the World Cup to the United States.

"They had the opportunity to discuss the 1994 World Cup games, to be held in the nine venue sites throughout the United States from June 17 to July 17," the statement said.

There was no mention of security fences erected around fields at three venues by local police against the wishes of FIFA and the World Cup organizers.

FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni, said on Monday that he expected Havelange and Rothenberg to make a direct appeal to Clinton to have the anti-hooligan fences removed.



A PANAGOULIS ... Greek coach

just nine days before Greece's opening World Cup match against Argentina in Boston.

"I was then too busy with the World Cup qualifiers and I did not have time to campaign. Now we have the finals but I want to be on the list of the Conservative Party and give it a shot," he said.

During his recent trip to London, where Greece were crushed 5-0 by England in a friendly at Wembley, Panagoulis said his aim was to see his side go through to the second round.

"Our goal is to reach the last 16, at least as one of the best

third-placed teams. We hope to beat one of our rivals in the group," he said. Greece also meet Bulgaria and Nigeria in Group D.

But he recognised it would be tough. "I hope some other team underestimates us, but they won't not even Argentina. They will remember what happened to them in Italy four years ago when they lost to Cameroon."

Trained as a political scientist as well as soccer coach, Panagoulis will have two advantages at the finals. He will feel at home — he was US national coach from 1982 to 1985 — and he will have the big Greek-American community rooting for him.

"America is my second home and I know Greek fans will fill up the stadiums every time we play. When you have thousands of cheering Greeks on your side miracles can happen," he said.

Officials at the Greek Football Federation (EPO) said Panagoulis' personal touch rather than his players' talent was responsible for the bright new era in Greek soccer.

Panagoulis was also in charge of the Greek team when they reached their only other major international tournament, the 1980 European Championship finals in Italy.

"He has a way of making players feel confident because he knows their personal problems and seeks ways to solve them. Under Panagoulis they are making more money than ever before and they love him like a father," EPO official Alexis Dedes said.

Panagoulis, 59, is considering retiring from coaching after the World Cup finals, but then has second thoughts.

"I want to serve soccer from another position, probably as a commentator, but then again the 1996 European Championship is coming up and I would love to contribute so that we qualify."

Argentina amerce Israel

TEL AVIV, June 1: Gabriel Batistuta and Claudio Caniggia shared all the goals, and overshadowed Diego Maradona, as World Cup qualifiers Argentina beat Israel 3-0 in a friendly international on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Argentina's victory was as convincing as their last two wins against the Israelis in previous World Cup warm-ups in 1986 and 1990.

Batistuta, with strikes in the 27th and 49th minutes, and Caniggia, who netted in the 53rd minute, produced impressive displays of flair and ball control.

Israel held their own for the first 30 minutes, closing down the Argentina attacks and attempting a few of their own.

Maradona, though he appeared subdued, set up the first goal by slicing through Israel's defence for Batistuta to hit home a first-time shot.

Israeli coach Shlomo Scharf made four substitutions in the second half in an attempt to give his players some experience. But the move proved costly as the Argentine capitalised on the holes in Israel's defence.

Batistuta struck his second goal after an Israeli blunder when he picked up a pass from Jose Chamot and powered the ball past substitute keeper Rafi Cohen.

Caniggia got on the score-sheet four minutes later, making the most of another hole in the defence.

Maradona, who faded later in the match, was substituted in the 84th minute to a rousing ovation from the 38,000-strong crowd.

Striker Eli Ohana was Israel's outstanding player in the second half but received little support.

More miseries for Marseille

MARSEILLE, June 1: Olympe Marseille have been barred from signing any new players — other than on free transfers — by the French Football league, reports AFP.

"This kills the rescue deal we had negotiated with a Canadian firm," club vice-president Jean-Louis Leveau said here Wednesday.

He said the unnamed investors had been ready to put up 100 million francs (17.8 million dollars) immediately on condition the club could sign new players to win promotion back to the First Division and do well in the UEFA Cup.

The league's financial watchdog the DNCG confirmed Marseille's relegation for financial irregularities.

Marseille had already been demoted to the Second Division by the federation for fixing a match which secured their fifth successive league title last season.

Marseille had bargained on buying new players with the Canadian investor's money to bounce straight back into the First Division. They had already struck a 100 million franc deal with television for broadcasting rights for their UEFA Cup matches which they have been allowed to play in.

The DNCG rejected the disgraced former French and European champions claim that they had in fact made a profit of 30 million francs (5.35 million dollars) last season.

The court ordered an investigation of the club's accounts to decide whether to make a winding up order.

Onus of an unwanted 'General'

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, June 1: Ask most people to name the Dutch national soccer coach and they will probably reply: Johan Cruyff, reports Reuters.

Ask most Dutchmen to say who should be national coach and they will probably reply: Johan Cruyff.

Such is the burden borne by the affable Dick Advocaat, who has risen to the top of the Dutch managerial ladder rather by accident than design.

Advocaat, 40, had a long but undistinguished career as a powerful defender-cum-midfielder with clubs in the Netherlands, Belgium and the United States.

But he was never selected at international level, having the misfortune of playing in the era of Cruyff, Johan Neeskens and Wim Jansen, stars of the 1970s, when the Dutch were twice World Cup runners-up.

Advocaat began his career withADO in his hometown of the Hague, making his first team debut at 18 before moving to Roda JC Kerkrade, VVV Venlo, Sparta Rotterdam and FC Utrecht.

He also played in the fledgling US League with the Chicago Sting and, briefly, for Berchem Sport in Belgium.

He ended his playing career in 1984, joined amateur club DSVP as coach and the same year was asked by national manager Rinus Michels to become his assistants. However, the Dutch failed to qualify for the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

Three years later Advocaat joined FC Haarlem as coach before moving to SVV, who then merged with Dordrecht. He resigned from the new club amid acrimony after only a few weeks.

"I sacked him on the spot," club chairman Cees de Braven said. "Under Advocaat there was no discipline. As soon as he turned his back on the players they started smashing each others' faces in."

In 1990 Advocaat was again invited to assist Michels, two

in deference to Michels' title of "the General". Advocaat was given the task of steering the Dutch through a difficult World Cup qualifying group, which included Norway, England and Poland, but was then supposed to hand over the reins to Cruyff for the finals in the United States.

After the finals, he was due to resume his role with a contract lasting until the 1996 European Championships in England.

While Advocaat was fulfilling his side of the bargain, winning the last three games of a tough campaign, Cruyff and the Dutch Soccer Union were falling out over the Barcelona coach's terms. Advocaat was eventually invited to carry on and take his squad to the finals next month.

Advocaat has an unforgiving task in the United States.

If the Dutch do well — and they are among the favourites — he will take some credit. But failure will prompt many to ponder, very publicly, whether Cruyff would have done better.

S Koreans leave for US

SEOUL, June 1: South Korea's World Cup soccer squad left Seoul today for the United States, vowing to reach the final 16 for the first time, reports Reuters.

The preparations are finished. Now we have to show what we can do. I'm confident my team will not disappoint their fans here," said head coach Kim Ho before setting off from Gimpo Airport.

DICK ADVOCAT ... Dutch coach

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Nigeria beef up defence

LAGOS, June 1: Nigeria, under pressure to beef up the defence of the side which won the African Nations' Cup last month, added three defenders to their 22-man squad for the World Cup finals on Monday, reports Reuters.

Sixteen of the squad are based in Europe, including African Footballer-of-the-Year Rashidi Yekini of Portugal's Vitoria Setubal, and Norwich's Efan Ekoku who made his debut in the African Nations' Cup.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers — Peter Rufai (no club); Wilfred Agbonavbare (Rayo Vallenano, Spain); Alloy Agu (RC Liege, Belgium).

Defenders — Uche Okafor (no club); Austin Eguavoen (no club); Stephen Keshi (no club); Chidi Nwanu (Anderlecht, Belgium); Mike Emenalo (RWD Molenbeek, Belgium); Emeke Ezeugo (Kispest Honved, Hungary); Uche Okechukwu (Fenerbahce, Turkey); Sunday Olinshah (RC Liege, Belgium); Ben Iroha (Vitesse Arnhem, Netherlands).

Midfielders — Thompson Oliha (no club); Efan Ekoku (Norwich, England); Samson Slasia (Uantes, France); Finidi George (Ajax Amsterdam, Netherlands); Austin Okocha (Eintracht Frankfurt, Germany).

Strikers — Rashidi Yekini (Vitoria Setubal, Portugal); Victor Ikpeba (Monaco, France); Mutiu Adegboye (Racing Santander, Spain); Emmanuel Amunike (Zamalek FC, Egypt); Daniel Amokachi (Club Brugge, Belgium).

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Quiz 6.

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

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| 1. Who is the oldest player to have scored in the WC finals? | Pele <input type="checkbox"/> | Vava <input type="checkbox"/> | R. Milla <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Which African team first won a game in the WC finals? | Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> | Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> | Tunisia <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Who was the last winning captain to lift the World Cup in his own club stadium? | Meazza <input type="checkbox"/> | Moore <input type="checkbox"/> | Passarella <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. How many players did Brazil use to win the 1962 World Cup? | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup? | Eusebio <input type="checkbox"/> | Charlton <input type="checkbox"/> | Hurst <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team's game against the USA? | Bilek <input type="checkbox"/> | Skuhravy <input type="checkbox"/> | Luhovy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1970? | Mauro <input type="checkbox"/> | Didi <input type="checkbox"/> | Zozimo <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter-final stage without winning a match? | Argentina <input type="checkbox"/> | Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> | Yugoslavia <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W.Cups? | G. Müller <input type="checkbox"/> | Pele <input type="checkbox"/> | Cubillas <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. How many goals did Polish striker Lato score in the 1974 WC? | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |

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