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Diego Maradona, is accompanied by Sanja Suvalic (L), the sponsors representative of the international friendly match between Argentina and Croatia that was played in Zagreb on Saturday. The game ended goalless. — AFP photo

Belgium romp past Zambia

BRUSSELS, June 5: Striker Josip Weber scored five goals in his first international since naturalisation and Belgium rolled over Zambia 9-0 Saturday in a World Cup warm-up game, reports AP.

Nine minutes into the game, Croat-born Weber scored with a blistering drive from a narrow angle on an assist from midfielder Danny Boffin.

Six minutes later, he took a pass from playmaker Enzo Scifo, cut free from two defenders and beat goalie James Phiri with a curling low shot.

"Weber's incredible, he really knows how to put them past the goalie," coach Paul Van Himst said.

"It's a beautiful start," said Weber after the game.

Early in the second half Weber scored on another Scifo assist and added his fourth goal with a diving header, capping his first hour as Red Devil.

In the dying moments, Weber added a fifth with a delicate chip over Phiri.

Weber also added an assist to fellow striker Luc Nillis, who broke a 24-game scoring jinx as a Belgian international.

Forward Marc Degryse added three goals, setting up Belgium's biggest ever win. Belgium played their first international in 1904.

"It was our first serious match in a long time and we found our rhythm right away," said Van Himst.

Zambia, who lost the core of their national team in an air-crash last year, finished second in the African Cup this spring.

The players were visibly tired after arriving in Brussels only hours before the game and they offered only token resistance in the driving rain — Belgium's trademark weather.

To make matters worse, defender Harrison Choongo pulled down Nillis on a break-away in the 30th minute and was sent off with a red card.

"That was a pity, because we had already proved we could dominate them with 11 men too," said Van Himst.

Belgium has always been known as a defensive power-

house but, with Weber, Van Himst hopes to be able to add goals against underdogs.

The Belgian Parliament approved Weber's naturalisation early this year and Van Himst, chronically short on talented strikers, wasted no time in integrating the adopted son into the team.

Weber, 29, has been the top-scorer in Belgium league for the last three seasons. The Cercle Brugge player said that because of the war in the former Yugoslavia, he wanted to resettle in Belgium.

Belgium played with two all-out strikers, Weber and Nillis and Degryse in close support, a system coach Paul Van Himst is expected to use in his first World Cup game against Morocco June 19.

Belgium head Orlando-based Group F, which also includes Saudi Arabia and the Netherlands.

Belgium started with Michel Dewolf as last man in defence. The 36-year-old veteran from Anderlecht is also expected to start against Morocco because key defender Philippe Albert will be suspended for the first game.

Wegerle, America's hero

PASADENA, Calif. June 5: Playing before the largest crowd ever to watch the United States soccer team at home the Americans upset Mexico 1-0 Saturday in their last warm-up game before the World Cup, reports AP.

Roy Wegerle, naturalised American born in South Africa, scored seven minutes into the second half after Eric Wynalda, a Californian who plays professionally in Germany, beat three defenders. The through-pass came from Thomas Dooley, a naturalised American who lived in Germany until a year ago.

There were 91,123 fans in the Rose Bowl. The crowd was the largest for any soccer game in the United States since the 1984 Olympics, and it appeared that the vast majority of the fans were rooting for Mexico.

The game offered a glimpse of the atmosphere the World Cup will bring to the United States when it starts June 17. Mexican fans began honking horns and waving flags two hours before the start of the game. They chanted 'Me-hi-col Me-hi-col' did the wave as their team came on the field and chanted 'Ole!' when the Mexicans connected with their passes.

Robinson retains WBO crown

CARDIFF, June 5: Welsh fighter Steve Robinson cruised to a unanimous victory over Freddy Cruz from the Dominican Republic Saturday to hold on to his World Boxing Organisation featherweight title, reports AP.

Robinson, 25, clearly out-punched the challenger in Cardiff and was never hurt in the 12-round fight. It was his fourth defence in 13 months.

Puerto Rican judge Luis Pabon-Bayamon scored it 118-109 but American Rick Bays had it 116-112 and countryman Frank Cairo made it 117-110.

Robinson never looked in trouble against the experienced challenger, who was 43-5-5 going into the fight.

He covered well on the rare times when Cruz attacked and occasionally got through with lefts and a busy right hand.

The Rose Bowl also offered a look at World Cup security. Two layers of chain-link fencing surrounded the stadium, two police helicopters circled overhead and about four dozen Los Angeles County sheriffs deputies and helmeted Pasadena police stood on the field.

It was only the fourth win in 42 games against Mexico for the United States, which is 5-5-8 this year. The Americans were missing two players expected to start in the World Cup: midfielder John Harkes, who just rejoined the team, and defender Marcelo Balboa, suspended following his ejection last week against Greece.

Mexico were missing three

probable World Cup starters, including forward Luis Roberto Alves.

The goal developed when Dooley sent the ball down the left side of the field, and Wynalda raced past Ignacio Ambriz and Raul Gutierrez. Wynalda went around Juan Ramirez Perales in the corner and sent the ball into the middle, where Wegerle sped past Ramon Ramirez and scored his first international goal in two years, only his second in 17 games for the United States.

Wegerle had a great 1-on-1 chance with 17 minutes to go, but goalkeeper Jorge Campos — wearing his usual neon-colored uniform — made a sliding save.



American player Joe-Max Moore (L) is engaged in an aerial with Mexico's Raul Gutierrez during prep match played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California on Saturday. The United States won 1-0. — AFP photo

Argentina held

ZAGREB, June 5: Argentina, in a final warm-up match for the World Cup, managed only a 0-0 draw with Croatia Saturday, reports Reuter.

Croatia had 10 shots at goal — twice as many as Argentina, who seemed tentative in attack.

Argentina fielded seven veterans from the 1990 World Cup in Italy where they finished as runners-up. The veterans included flamboyant midfielder Diego Maradona, 33, who will play in his fourth World Cup finals at this month's tournament in the United States.

Argentina's best scoring opportunity came early in the second half when Gabriel Batistuta's booming free kick was deflected by leaping Croatian goalkeeper Drazen Ladic.

Croatia's Stiper Andrijašević, who replaced Aljosa Asanovic in the 46th minute, headed a corner kick by Robert Prosinecki just over the net midway through the second half.

Andrijašević had a glorious opportunity a minute later but his shot looped over a wide open net from 15 metres out.

Teammate Robert Jarni blasted a shot just wide to the right seven minutes before the final whistle.

Sweaty success for Saudis

POMONA, N.J. June 5: Saudi Arabia tuned up for their first-ever World Cup appearance with a half-hearted 3-2 exhibition victory over Trinidad-Tobago on Saturday, reports AP.

Majed Abdullah, Saeed Alowairan and Fahad Albishi scored goals to take the Saudis to a 3-1 halftime lead. Trinidad-Tobago dominated the second half but could manage only one goal.

Saudi Arabian coach Jorge Solari, who tried some of his substitutes, wasn't worried about the narrow victory over a team that didn't qualify for the World Cup.

"When they play World Cup competition, you will see a different team," Solari said.

About 2,400 people turned out under sunny skies and 80-degree (27 Celsius) temperatures for the game at Richard Stockton College, where the Saudis have been training since May 17. They open on June 20 against The Netherlands in Washington, DC.

Abdullah, known at home as the 'Desert Pele,' scored from the left side nine minutes into the game and the Saudis never trailed. They took a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes when Alowairan's goal mouth pass slipped out to Trinidad goalie Ross Russell's clasp and Alowairan kicked it in with his left foot.

With 29 minutes gone, Albishi headed in a center from Awad Al Anazi.

Trinidad-Tobago had crisp ball movement but struggled to get shots at goal. Angus Eve converted a penalty just before halftime and the team came out of the break with new spirit.

He (coach Kenny Joseph) said, "Let's put your heart into it and the goals will come," said forward Arnold Dwarika.

Trinidad-Tobago kept the ball in Saudi Arabia's end and took advantage of what appeared to be a tired team. Evannarrowed the gap at 78 minutes.

"It's an exhibition game. They give them a couple yards when they get the ball because they don't want to get hurt," Solari said.

Saudi Arabia had won only one of six exhibition matches coming up to the game.

"For the players, it's good to win. For the coaches, it doesn't mean much," Solari said.

Bowe hurts his back

LAS VEGAS, June 5: Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe injured his back and won't be able to fight Buster Mathis Jr next Saturday at Caesars Palace, reports AP.

Caesars spokeswoman Debbie Munch said Saturday that Bowe hurt his back while sparring May 27. She said Bowe tried to return to training Thursday but could not.

Bowe was examined by Dr Murray Thale, an Orthopedic surgeon and lower back specialist from California. The doctor ordered Bowe to rest for a week to 10 days.

It is the second time Bowe has cancelled a fight because of injury. He was supposed to fight Franz Botha of South Africa on Feb 5, but he had to pull out after suffering a cut under his eye during sparring.

Bowe hasn't fought since losing the IBF and WBA heavyweight titles to Evander Holyfield last Nov 6.

Bowe has fights scheduled against Larry Donald on July 15 at Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif., and against an undermined opponent on Aug 13.

Quake won't stop the show?

LOS ANGELES, June 5: The message from World Cup planners is clear — even if an earthquake hits during the month-long tournament, the show must go on, reports Reuter.

With the January 17 Northridge quake fresh in mind and its aftershocks still rumbling through Los Angeles, the prospect of another big earthquake striking during the World Cup is a tournament organizer's worst nightmare.

This is the world's biggest single sport extravaganza with a global television audience of two-billion people expected to watch the final in Pasadena.

But if a major California quake were to rock either San Francisco to the north or Los Angeles — site of the July 17 final — to the south, officials are prepared.

Contingency planning has been a priority since the 1989 quake that hit the baseball world series in San Francisco and the devastating Northridge quake, which claimed 60 lives and caused up to 20 billion dollars in damage in Los Angeles.

Seismologists say it is a longshot, but there is a possibility of a strong aftershock — 5.0 on the Richter scale or greater — hitting southern California during the month from mid-June to mid-July when the World Cup will be played.

Eight games are scheduled in Los Angeles, including a semi-final, third place-play off and the final. San Francisco will host six matches, includ-

ing a quarter-final. "We've figured it out. For an aftershock from the Northridge quake, it's an 11 percent probability," said Kate Hutton, a seismologist at the California Institute of Technology.

"The chance of a 5.0 quake in all of southern California during that period is 19 percent," she said.



The last major aftershock — a magnitude 5.4 shaker at the end of March — caused only minor damage and left sports facilities unscathed.

But World Cup organizers have a series of plans ready in the event of a disruptive quake. The first step is to make sure the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, near San Francisco, are safe. Both are historically quake-safe and were unscathed in the most recent quakes to hit their areas.

If the venues are deemed unsafe, organizers hope to move the games to other places within the same city so

that ticket holders will be able to attend.

If that's not possible, the games will be moved to other cities, depending on the availability of sites.

Organisers are still scouting out alternative venues in both cities and elsewhere, she said.

Unfortunately, the Northridge quake crippled one of the best in Los Angeles — the Coliseum, host of the 1984 Olympics. The stadium sustained more than 30 million dollars in damage and repairs are still underway.

The World Cup also presents a challenge to local disaster planners who would have to deal not only with the usual chaotic aftermath of a quake, but with thousands of visitors.

But in Los Angeles, a city with a history of disasters and of hosting big events, officials say they are used to such preparations.

Leydecker said that with thousands of foreign fans expected in California, the language barrier may pose the biggest challenge in the turmoil that inevitably follows a major quake.

So is the one-in-five prospect of a quake, something fans — from countries as far apart as Brazil and Cameroon — should be concerned about as they make their plans?

"I suppose if you have to worry about something, you could lump this in," said seismologist Hutton.

'Fence' comes under fire

DALLAS, June 5: The main Dallas daily newspaper appealed on Saturday for a fence around the field at the World Cup venue to be replaced, calling it a "chain-link monstrosity" that may dent the city's image, reports Reuter.

"Isn't there some way to put up a safety barrier that would not make the Cotton Bowl look like a prison or a dog kennel," the Dallas Morning News said in its lead editorial.

World Cup organizers and world body FIFA are strongly opposed to fences at the nine sites, arguing that they are unnecessary, unsightly and treat fans like animals.

Police in three venues — Washington and San Francisco are the others — have insisted on fences, however.

"The obtrusive chain-link fence that separates the stands from the playing field will block the view of many soccer fans, who have travelled thousands of miles to see their teams play," the newspaper editorial said.

"The heavy metal and thick poles make it almost impossible to see the entire length of the field from lower-level seats," it continued, adding that a compromise reached between the city and World Cup on Wednesday was unsatisfactory.

Under the compromise, the city agreed to remove the security fence on the west side of the Cotton Bowl where the television cameras and dignitaries will be.

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Pele <input type="checkbox"/>	Vava <input type="checkbox"/>	R. Milla <input type="checkbox"/>
Egypt <input type="checkbox"/>	Morocco <input type="checkbox"/>	Tunisia <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Which African team first won a game in the WC finals?

Meazza <input type="checkbox"/>	Moore <input type="checkbox"/>	Passarella <input type="checkbox"/>
Eusebio <input type="checkbox"/>	Charlton <input type="checkbox"/>	Hurst <input type="checkbox"/>
3. How many players did Brazil use to win the 1962 World Cup?

12 <input type="checkbox"/>	14 <input type="checkbox"/>	16 <input type="checkbox"/>
Eusebio <input type="checkbox"/>	Charlton <input type="checkbox"/>	Hurst <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup?

Bielek <input type="checkbox"/>	Skuhravy <input type="checkbox"/>	Luhovy <input type="checkbox"/>
Mauro <input type="checkbox"/>	Didi <input type="checkbox"/>	Zozimo <input type="checkbox"/>
5. In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team's game against the USA?

Argentina <input type="checkbox"/>	Ireland <input type="checkbox"/>	Yugoslavia <input type="checkbox"/>
G. Muller <input type="checkbox"/>	Pele <input type="checkbox"/>	Cubillas <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1970?

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7. In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter-final stage without winning a match?

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9. Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W Cups?

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