

WORLD CUP USA '94

Border not sure about coaching line

MELBOURNE, June 10: Former Australian captain Allan Border today questioned his ability to make an automatic transition from player to coach in international cricket, reports Reuters.

Border, 38, who retired from the Test arena last month, said there was no guarantee a proven Test player would become a successful national team coach.

"I'm not too sure how I would go as a coach," Border said in an interview with former Test teammate Dean Jones on a Melbourne radio station.

Border said he would need to serve an apprenticeship.

"It's a situation where I would need to do cricket coaching, or managing a couple of teams, even at junior level, to see how I would go," added Border, who will play for Queensland in the domestic Sheffield Shield competition next season.

Border, scorer of a world record 11,174 Test runs in 156 Test matches, said he wanted to work within the sport after his retirement as a player.

"I want to stay involved, it's just a matter of at what level," he said.

In the meantime, Border is pondering an offer to work in a promotional capacity with the Australian Cricket Board.

Fed Cup kicks off today

Sports Reporter



With the biggest soccer event of the world about to roll in the United States in little more than a week, the local organisers, Bangladesh Football Federation ventures to kick-off the Beximco 12th Federation Cup from today.

BFF, the supreme body for country's soccer has been forced into launching the meet at this unwelcome point of this year because of its dwindling fund.

With twenty teams divided into four groups in the first round, the tournament kicks-off at the Dhaka Stadium at 4 pm with Diganta Proshari Sangh's of Rajshahi taking on Dhanmondi Club while the other match between Feni Soccer Club and Shantinagar Club has been scheduled for a 7 pm start.

The winners of four groups of the knock-out system first round meet will play in the final round along with the four automatic qualifiers - defending champions Brothers Union, runners-up Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC and Fakirerpool YMC.

The sponsors of the meet Beximco Limited having pro-

vided Taka ten lakhs to meet the expenses, revealed the organisers BFF in a press conference room of NSC yesterday.

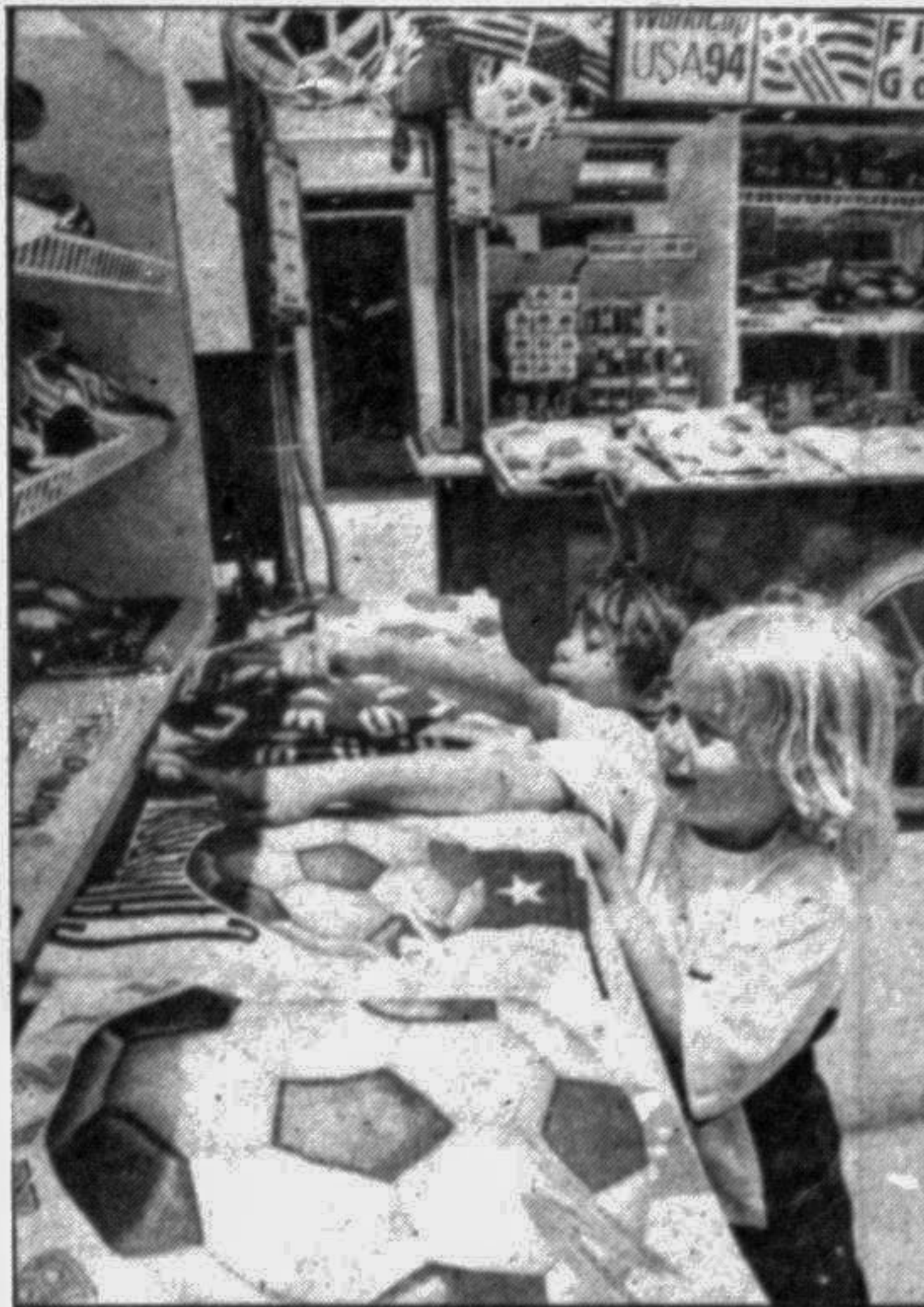
"A three-member referees board comprising active referees, has been formed to rule out any controversy" informed a BFF official while explaining the organisers' stand to assure fairness.

For the first time the tournament offer a cash award to the winners. The tournament committee chairman and veteran politician Saifuddin Ahmed Manik said that the winners will get Taka one lakh and the runners-up Taka 75,000 while the losing semi-finalists will be richer for Taka 50,000 each. Besides, each of the 24 participating teams will share the gate receipts.

The rate of the gallery tickets for the first round has been fixed at Taka 15 and Taka 30 for the VIP 3B gate.

Ranatunga reinstated

COLOMBO, June 10: Sri Lanka's cricket selectors have reinstated all-rounder Arjuna Ranatunga as captain for next month's tour by Pakistan, reports AFP.



EXUBERANCE OF INNOCENCE.

Four-year-olds Sebastian Fearnley (R) from England and his American friend Shamseddin Nelson reach for World Cup souvenirs on a vendor's cart along the Third Street promenade in Santa Monica, California on Thursday. — AFP photo

Batistuta, Argentina's new archangel

BUENOS AIRES.

June 10: Gabriel Batistuta is looking for redemption. After a spending a season in

near obscurity in the Italian second division, the Argentine forward has a chance to shine at the World Cup, reports AP.

Since 1991, Batistuta has scored 20 goals in 31 games for the Argentine national team, second only to Diego Maradona's 33 goals in 87 matches.

With an adept scoring prowess, he has earned the nicknames "Batigol" and "Archangel Gabriel". He was named to the El Grafico's all-Copa America team last summer.

But after two seasons in the Italian first division, Fiorentina was demoted to Serie B for this past season and Batistuta wanted out. He wanted back into the premier level. Fiorentina said no, they needed him to get back to the first division.

Now, despite leading the Italian second division in scoring, he has an opportunity to make up for a season out of the limelight.

The 25-year-old Batistuta says he has scored all kinds of

goals. "Dodging the goalkeeper, shooting from inside or outside the penalty area, kicking free shots. For me, a play, no matter how brilliant, is suc-



GABRIEL BATISTUTA

cessful only if I score," he said. Batistuta has the speed the ability to shoot with precision despite being surrounded by defenders. His weak point, like many strikers, is his lack of dribbling ability, but he says he's not that bad.

"I'm not a prodigy at anything, but in the field I can do a little of everything," Batistuta

said. For the last three years, he was Argentine national team coach Alfio Basile's starting striker. But lately he has been on the sidelines with the appearance of Abel Balbo and the return of Claudio Caniggia after a 13-month suspension for failing a drug test in the Italian league. Both are under contract to Italy's AS Roma.

The trio vied for a place in the lineup until Basile started all three in a friendly match against Israel on May 31. Argentina won 3-0 with two goals by Batistuta and an own goal.

The three played appeared again days later in a scoreless draw against Croatia. Basile has indicated that Batistuta, Caniggia and Balbo will start again June 21, when Argentina meets Greece in the first round of the World Cup at Boston's Foxboro Stadium.

Argentine fans and sports writers have sharply criticized the team, from goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea to Maradona himself. But they all agree that the forward line in Argentina's strongest point.

"With them, I can be assured the team's goal quota is filled," Basile says.

Confusion, dispute & World Cup



UNDATED, June 10: The United States won't let Nigeria land its airplane. Bulgaria won't let reporters talk to the players, New Jersey police don't believe Greece's claim that the players were robbed and Muslims are upset with World Cup promotions, reports AP.

Soccer definitely has arrived in America. While four world Cup warm-ups were played Wednesday, soccer's top event displayed its usual confusion and dispute. The off-the-field events overshadowed Brazil's 8-2 rout of Honduras, Germany's 2-0 victory over Canada, Belgium's 3-1 victory over Hungary, Bolivia's scoreless tie with Peru and Romania's 5-1 win against the Los Angeles Salsa of the American Professional Soccer League.

In Lagos, the US Embassy said Nigeria's World Cup team cannot arrive in the United States aboard a Nigeria Airways flight but must use another airline. The Super Eagles had planned to fly aboard Nigeria Airways to the United States on Monday.

The United States last year banned the airline from flying to New York and US airlines from flying to Nigeria, claiming safety concerns at Lagos' international airport. The move came after military ruler Gen Ibrahim Babangida annulled June 12 presidential elections

that were to end a decade of military rule.

The United States and the European Union introduced limited sanctions to protest, and the air traffic ban was considered a political move in Nigeria.

"Nigeria Airways cannot conduct flights to the United States under the existing restriction," a statement from the US Embassy said Wednesday.

In Austin, Texas, Bulgaria's team ejected reporters from its first practice in the United States.

After reporters arrived Tuesday at the Burger Centre, team administrator Alexander Dinev demanded they leave. When local news crews who had been issued credentials to cover the Bulgarians' training camp did not comply immediately, Dinev started shouting and pushing TV photographer Kenny Kaplan.

On Saturday, all Mexican players refused to speak with reporters at the Rose Bowl following a 1-0 loss to the United States. Carlos Valderrama of Colombia refused to

speak with reporters at Giants Stadium after scoring against Greece on Sunday.

FIFA, soccer's governing body, says it is up to players whether to speak with reporters. Although FIFA asked teams to make players available, FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni has said there are no requirements.

Alan Rothenberg, the chief US organizer, said he was powerless in the matter.

"That is really a FIFA, not a World Cup organizing committee issue," Rothenberg said Wednesday.

On the crime front, police and stadium authorities said they don't believe the Greek team's claim that it was robbed of \$17,800 in cash, plus jewelry, during Sunday's game against Colombia at Giants Stadium.

Allegations that hotel keys, money and jewelry were stolen are "unfounded and unsupported," said Maj Carl Williams, acting superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.

On the business side, corporate America's efforts to capitalize on the World Cup collided with Muslim sensitivities as McDonald's and Coca-Cola reprinted the Saudi flag, with its sacred words from the Koran, on throwaway packaging.

The green-and-white flag of Saudi Arabia features and Arabic passage that Muslims believe should be treated with

reverence: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his Prophet."

Once it appeared on Coca-Cola cans in North Africa and carry-out bags for McDonald's children's meals in Britain, the outcry came quickly from Muslims who believe the holy words should not be used as a sales device, much less on things that will be crumpled up and thrown in the trash.

"As the Saudi flag contains the Muslim Shahada (the Muslim declaration of faith), the Saudi Government never allows its use for commercial or promotional activities, or in any way that is not consistent with the respect due to the Shahada," a statement released by the Saudi embassy in London said.

Looking ahead to the tournament, which begins June 17, Rothenberg said in a telephone conference call that people who ordered World Cup tickets should receive them by Friday at the latest. He said additional tickets had been held back by organizers to deal with problems and downplayed reports of complaints, saying it was less than one-half of 1 percent.

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Quiz 6. Entries close on 24-06-94

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 1970? Mauro Didi 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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Write with a ball-point pen in clear, CAPITAL LETTERS. Cut along the dotted lines and mail it to us FAST!

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Reaction to strawberries, maybe
5 Gas or coal
9 Affirmative action?
12 "— want for Christmas..."
13 Jason's boat
14 —Locka, Fla.
15 Lifeboat's job
17 Lard container
18 Snitch
19 Timothy, e.g.
21 Gee precursor
22 Expect
24 Sound of contentment
27 Douglas, e.g.
28 Chanteuse Edith
31 Equal prefix
32 Brownish brew
33 Indivisible
34 Hoods' weapons
36 Writer

DOWN
37 TV reception problem
38 Try for a job
40 Symbol for tin
41 Mongolian range
43 Rap session?
47 Mainlander's memento
48 Stock market statement
51 Conductor de Waart
52 Pakistan's language
53 Dolt
54 Has the where-withal
55 Meir contemporary
56 Coop group
57 Huck's carrier
58 Actress Nazimova
59 Change place
60 Batman?
61 Destiny
62 Spoon-bender Geller
63 Id counter-part
64 "Ars —, vita brevis"
65 Bit of marginalia
66 Comic-strip penguin
67 Taps lightly
68 TV alien
69 Sartorial woe

Solution time: 22 mins.

GAEL SHEASTOR
ONME POD STIR
STUFFING CUTE
HESTON APEDOM
YON RAND
MCS LEA STILL
POTS RLS SNOB
SQUAD LEO GUS
BLUE IDA
BIBLES ZINNIA
ALII STUNNING
LINE EAR ANNE
LAGS SEE MEIS

Deighton Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

LEOLMNPMA P MOEX, FP
PGM EYMXF, QFXBMA
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN HE SHOT AN APPLE OFF HIS SON'S HEAD IT WAS DRAMATIC, TO HEAR WILLIAM TELL IT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals C

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.