



# WORLD CUP USA '94



## H-trio may hinder Germany

CHICAGO, June 16: Heat, humidity and history are likely to provide more problems for Germany than Bolivia when they begin their World Cup defence on Friday, reports Reuter.

The opening match of the finals is likely to be played in afternoon temperatures of at least 30 Celsius and humidity of around 70 per cent in Chicago's Soldier Field which will test the players' fitness to the full.

While, in reality, outsiders Bolivia should not provide too much opposition to Germany, Bert Vogts' team know that no defending champions have ever won the opening match since the tradition of the World Cup holders starting the tournament was introduced in 1974.

Argentina were upset 1-0 by Cameroon four years ago. Italy drew in 1986. Argentina lost in 1982, the former West Germany drew in 1978 and Brazil played out a goalless draw with Yugoslavia in 1974. Vogts wants the record stopped.

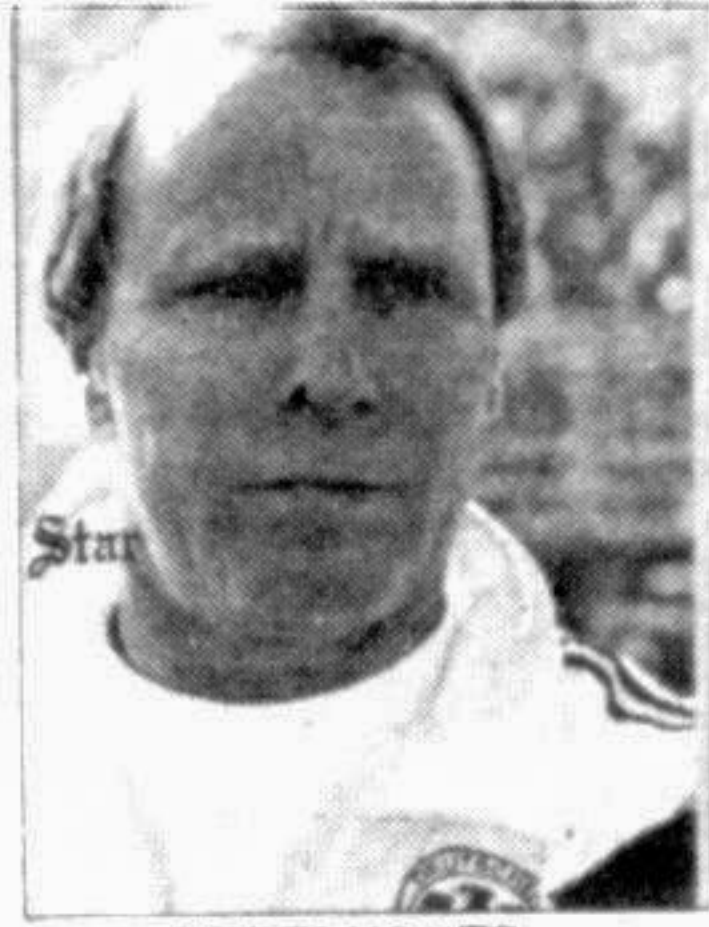
"It's time that we made a change to all that," Vogts said. "I can put out the best team I have to beat Bolivia. We want to start the tournament like we did in 1990 with a victory."

Captain Lothar Matthaeus added: "There are different rules in opening matches. We want that statistic broken."

Vogts said his experienced team was also prepared for the heat and humidity which will provide a formidable test to his

players, several of whom are over the age of 30 or close to it.

The Germans prepared for the finals by playing in high humidity in a friendly with



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Argentina in Miami last December and also played in hot weather in Chicago and Washington during a tournament last June.

"We have been through these stress situations. The team is used to it. We won't be able to play German style football for 90 minutes," Vogts said. "We will have to vary the speed of the game. But it is exactly the same for the Bolivians."

Bolivia, who are expected to be without their key midfield playmaker Marco Etcheverry who has a knee injury, are likely to play defensively. Their defence, however, looked far from watertight in their final pre-World Cup game in Montreal last Saturday, a goalless draw with Switzerland.

Etcheverry said on Wednesday that he was fit to play but will probably start the match on the bench. The Bolivians are likely to begin the game with the team which started against the Swiss.

Vogts is playing down his team's chances. "They (Bolivia) are an unknown quantity. We will not underestimate them. Their defence will be a hard nut to crack. But we are optimistic and in good shape."

Vogts, who is keeping his line-up quiet until just before the game, is unlikely to risk midfielder Thomas Strunz and defender Guido Buchwald, who have both been struggling with thigh strains.

But Bremen midfielder Mario Basler, who injured his knee in the team's friendly with Canada last week, is fit again and is likely to play.

The Germans are expected to play with just one striker in Juergen Klinsmann, although midfielder Andy Moeller will probably be given an attacking role.

### TEAMS

**Germany:** 1-Bodo Illgner, 10-Lothar Matthaeus, 14-Thomas Berthold, 4-Juergen Kohler, 3-Andreas Brehme, 21-Mario Basler, 16-Matthias Sammer, 20-Stefan Effenberg, 8-Thomas Haessler, 7-Andy Moeller, 18-Juergen Klinsmann.

**Bolivia:** 1-Carlos Trucco, 3-Marco Sandy, 4-Miguel Rimba, 5-Gustavo Quinteros, 6-Carlos Borja, 8-Milton Melgar, 15-Vladimir Soria, 18-Willian Ramallo, 16-Luis Cristaldo, 21-Erwin Sanchez, 22-Julio Baldvieso.

## FIFA honours Puskas, Eusebio, Di Stefano

CHICAGO, June 16: Great players of the past, including Friends Puskas, Alfredo Di Stefano and Eusebio, were honoured by FIFA on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Hungarian Puskas and Argentine-born Di Stefano, who formed one of the sport's greatest striking partnerships when they played together at Real Madrid in the late 1950s and early 1960s, were awarded FIFA's Golden Order of Merit.

The two, who scored all seven goals between them in Real's record 7-3 European Cup final win over Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960, went up on stage together at the opening ceremony of FIFA's two-day congress to receive the honour from the body's president Joao Havelange.

The Mozambique-born Eusebio, the greatest player to come out of Africa though he played most of his career in Portugal, also received a Golden Order of Merit award as did France's Just Fontaine.

Fontaine scored 13 goals in the 1958 World Cup finals, a record which may never be broken.

FIFA also honoured a former teammate of Puskas, Nandor Hidgekuti, deep-lying centre forward in the brilliant Hungarian national team of the 1950s.

Hidgekuti was given FIFA's fair play award for a career in which he always treated opponents and match officials with great respect.

The team award went to Zambia in recognition of the remarkable way the country fought back from losing 18 national team players in a plane crash, almost qualifying for the US World Cup finals.

The team of 1993 trophy, based on the recently introduced FIFA world rankings, went to world champions Germany with the most improved nation of the year title going to Colombia.

The Colombians provided the evening's most embarrassing moment when none of their delegation was on hand to receive the trophy.

"We want the people of the United States to embrace this beautiful game in the same way all you have," Rothenberg said.



FIFA president Joao Havelange addresses the opening session of the 49th FIFA Congress in Chicago on Wednesday.

## FIFA's 49th Congress on

CHICAGO, June 16: Soccer's world governing body met Wednesday to re-elect its president and prepare for what it hopes will be a history-making World Cup, reports AP.

The 49th Congress of FIFA, the international soccer federation, opened its meeting at a lakeshore hotel just north of Soldier Field, where Germany will begin defence of their world title Friday against Bolivia.

Those addressing the delegates from 190 nations included Joao Havelange, expected to be unanimously re-elected to a sixth term as FIFA president Thursday, and Alan I Rothenberg, the Los Angeles lawyer who heads the organizing committee for the first World Cup in the United States.

FIFA awarded the cup to the United States in 1988, despite the lack of a first-class professional league and an indifference to pro-soccer among most Americans.

Havelange and other FIFA leaders hoped the spectacle of the world's most watched sports event — a total audience

of 32 billion people is expected for telecasts of cup matches worldwide — would finally trigger soccermania in America.

Recent polls have found only 30 per cent of Americans surveyed even knew the cup was about to be staged in their country; even less said they wanted to see some games.

Selling the world game to the United States will be a tougher job than Havelange will have getting re-elected.

Although the Brazilian industrialist faced some opposition last winter from European and American federations upset with his autocratic style, he has assuaged his critics and will run unopposed.

"President Havelange, in his years in office, has taken most of the decisions, and rightly so," said Lennart Johansson, president of the European soccer union UEFA and considered a contender for the FIFA presidency in the aborted dump-Havelange movement.

In dispelling his opponents, Havelange pushed through expansion of the next World Cup to be held in France — to 32 teams, thereby protecting Europe's 15 berths while making room for more teams from his traditional power bases in

Latin America, Asia and Africa. He also has exhibited a more-open style, Johansson said on the eve of the congress.

Just how many vice presidents and other executive committee members FIFA needs is about the only issue expected to generate any controversy during the day-long session Thursday.

A proposal from the Egyptian Football Association would add two committee members from Europe and one each from Africa, Asia and the Americas. The committee's own proposal adds one member from Europe.

The congress is expected to turn down a plan by Tunisia to rotate the World Cup among the six continents on a regular schedule. It also is scheduled to rubber-stamp an agreement with the International Olympic Committee to allow each team at the next Summer Games to field three players over 23 years old.

FIFA imposed the age limit more than six years ago in attempts to prevent the Olympic soccer tournament from overshadowing the World Cup. But it agreed to the three-player exemption as part of a deal with the IOC.

## Spaniards brook no levity

DALLAS, June 16: Spanish coach Javier Clemente admits he knows little about World Cup opponent South Korea, but is adamant that he is not underestimating them, reports Reuter.

Clemente has tried to scotch rumours that he was being dismissive towards the Asian qualifiers heading into Friday's Group C clash in

Spain is going to beat South Korea 5-0. Soccer has taught me that you can never underestimate the power of an opponent," he said.

"I still think (Korea) are the most complicated team in the group. They are a difficult rival because they play well. They are tough and they run a lot.

"I know the tactics and characteristics of two or three of their players, but I don't really know the whole way they play," he added.

Clemente says he will stick with the nucleus of the side which started last week's 2-0 win over Canada, which means Barcelona striker Julio Salinas playing a lone front role.

Spain seem likely to pack midfield and rely on the speed of Barcelona's Juan Goikoetxea on the right to break quickly, get behind the shaky Korean defence and feed the lethal Salinas.

Defence is South Korea's weak point and coach Kim Ho admitted this week that he was not completely satisfied with that aspect.

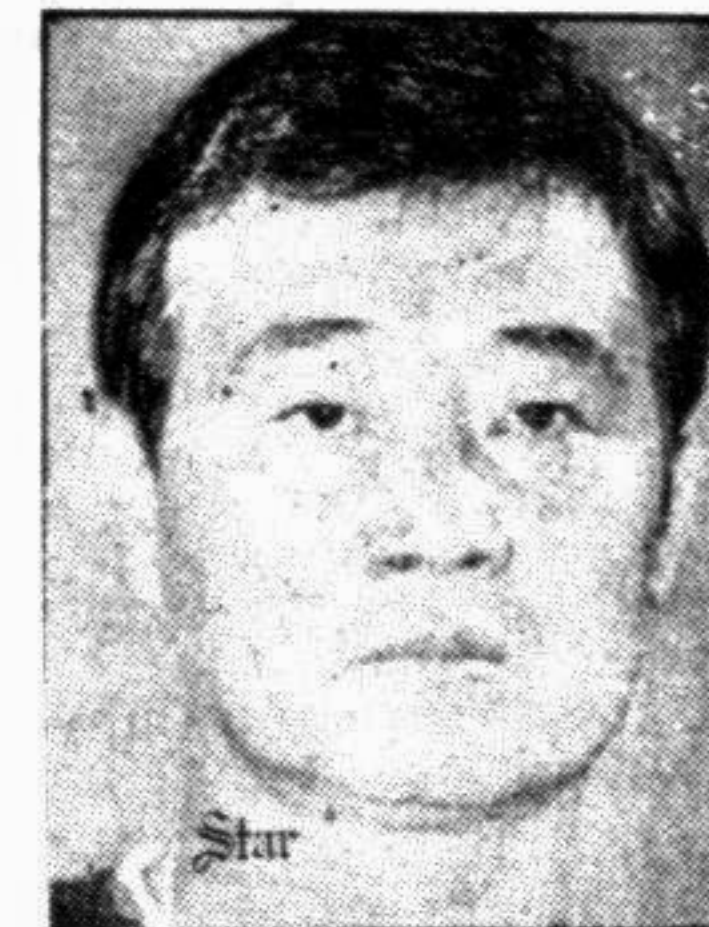
South Korea are appearing in their third successive finals and Kim believes that experience has made them a more capable side. Their Russian technical adviser, former Dynamo Moscow and Soviet Olympic team manager Anatoly Bychovets, has also added new to a match in the World Cup finals in eight attempts.

"Never have I said that

preparing the players to concentrate for the full 90 minutes after problems lasting the distance in the Asian qualifiers in Qatar.

Pressure is mounting on the Koreans, with a recent poll showing 67 per cent believed the team would reach the second round. "The pressure on us is great," said Kim.

Despite Clemente's caution and respectful words, Spain possess too much skill and ex-



JAVIER CLEMENTE

perience to become Korea's first World Cup victims; even without first-choice veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

He is banned for the opening game after being sent off in their final qualifying game against Denmark. His replacement, Santiago Canizares, surpassed himself on his debut when he replaced Zubizarreta in the Denmark game.

## Light tremor rocks Rose Bowl

PASADENA, California, June 16: A small earthquake was felt Tuesday night in Pasadena, site of eight matches in the 1994 World Cup, including the July 17 final, reports AP.

The earthquake occurred around 11:00 pm and was measured at 4.1 on the Richter scale.

Authorities said the only fall-out was some broken windows and a brief power outage that affected a local hospital.

The Rose Bowl Stadium, which hosts its first World Cup match on Saturday, the second day of the finals, was undamaged.

Last January 17, an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale killed more than 50 people and caused billion of dollars worth of damage in the Los Angeles area.

## All about whistlers

DALLAS, June 16: Mexican lawyer Arturo Brizio Carter will referee the opening match of the World Cup between champions Germany and Bolivia in Chicago on Friday, FIFA announced on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The world soccer body released the names of referees and linesmen for the first 24 matches of the month-long competition which ends on July 17 in Los Angeles.

Brizio Carter refereed four matches at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and two World Cup qualifiers, including the 101 draw between England and Norway in London in October 1992.

He will be assisted at the Chicago match, expected to be watched by a global television audience of 1.5 billion, by Australian linesmen Eugene Brazzale and Gordon Dunster.

**OFFICIALS FOR OPENING MATCHES:**  
June 17: Chicago (Germany v Bolivia) — referee Arturo Brizio Carter (Mexico) / linesmen Eugene Brazzale, Gordon Dunster (Australia).

Dallas (Spain v South Korea) — referee Peter Mikkelsen (Denmark) / linesmen Carl-Johan Christensen (Denmark), Roy Pearson (England).

June 18: Detroit (US v Switzerland) — referee Francisco Lamolina (Argentina) / linesmen Ernesto Taibi (Argentina), Venancio Zarate (Paraguay).

New York (Italy v Ireland) — Referee Mario van der Ende (Netherlands) / linesmen Jan Dolstra (Netherlands), Park Hae-Yong (South Korea).

Los Angeles (Colombia v Romania) — referee Jamal Al-Sharif (Syria) / linesmen Yousif Al-Ghathan (Bahrain), Douglas James (Trinidad and Tobago).

June 19: Orlando (Belgium v Morocco) — referee Jose Joaquin Torres Cadena (Colombia) / linesmen Raimundo Garcia Claix (Honduras), Tapio Yli-Karro (Finland).

Washington (Norway v Mexico) — referee Sandor Puhl (Hungary) / linesmen Sandor Marton (Hungary), Valentine Ivanov (Russia).

Los Angeles (Cameroon v Sweden) — referee Alberto Tejada Noriega (Peru) / linesmen James Al-Ghathan.

June 20: San Francisco (Brazil v Russia) — referee An Yan Lim Kee Chong (Mauritius) / linesmen El-Jilal Rharib (Morocco), Domenico Ramicone (Italy).

Washington (Netherlands v Saudi Arabia) — referee Manuel Diaz Vega (Spain) / linesmen Ivanov, Marton.

June 21: Boston (Argentina v Greece) — referee Arturo Angeles (US) / linesmen Park, Dolstra.

Chicago (Germany v Spain) — referee Ernesto Filippi Cavani (Uruguay) / linesmen Zarate, Taibi.

Dallas (Nigeria v Bulgaria) — referee Rodrigo Badilla (Costa Rica) / linesmen Dunster, Brazzale.

June 22: Detroit (Romania v Switzerland) — referee Neji Jouini (Tunisia) / linesmen Abdel Magid Hassan (Egypt), Mohammed Fanel (Iran).

Los Angeles (US v Colombia) — referee Fabio Baldas (Italy) / linesmen Ramicone, Rharib.

June 23: New York (Italy v Norway) — referee Hellmut Krug (Germany) / linesmen Yli-Karro, Pearson.

Boston (South Korea v Bolivia) — Referee Leslie Mottram (Scotland) / linesmen Luc Matthys (Belgium), Mikael Eversting (Sweden).

June 24: Orlando (Mexico v Ireland) — referee Kurt Roethlisberger (Switzerland) / linesmen Michael Listkiewicz (Poland), Paulo Alves (Brazil).

San Francisco (Brazil v Cameroon) — referee Brizio Carter / linesmen James, Christensen.

Detroit (Sweden v Russia) — referee Joel Quiniou (France) / linesmen Fanel, Hassan.

## "Super Eagles" have landed

DALLAS, June 16: Nigeria, arrived for their first World Cup finals in a fighting mood on Tuesday and warned their first-round opponents to beware of the 'Super Eagles', reports Reuter.

"We have come to fight to win," Nigeria's Dutch coach Clemens Westerhof said.

"Of course, we must respect every team but we are not afraid of any opponents."

The players were in an upbeat mood when they arrived in Dallas despite an 11-hour delay at the airport in Lagos.

## Fed Cup results

Wari Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club moved to the Group A final in the 12th Beximco Federation Cup football championship after winning their respective semis at the Dhaka stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

They will meet on Saturday.

In the first match, Wari Club edged past Rahamatganj MFS 2-0 this (Thursday) afternoon.

Both the goals were scored in the second half.

In the other match, Dhaka Wanderers Club eliminated Victoria SC 4-2 in tie-breaker after the stipulated time ended 1-1.

## Asian snooker from June 29

The 11th Asian snooker championship '94 organised by the Bangladesh Billiards & Snooker Federation (BBSF), will begin on June 29 at the ball room of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, reports UNB.

Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan will inaugurate the nine-day meet to be played in four sessions daily during the preliminary rounds.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman will be the chief guest at the closing ceremony on July 7.

Twenty five players — two top seeds from each of the 12 participating Asian countries — will compete in the prestigious meet that offers lucrative cash prizes as well as trophy and souvenirs.

As host nation, Bangladesh have been allowed to enter three players instead of the usual two per country.

Narayan Chandra Ghose, Adrian Gonsalves and Mofazzal Hossain — the three local seeds — will represent Bangladesh.

## Chicago welcomes World Cup

CHICAGO, June 16: Chicago welcomed the World Cup on Wednesday with a carnival parade through the city, watched by tens of thousands of soccer fans and curious Americans, reports Reuter.

Floats representing the 24 competing nations, singers and dancers in national costume and local marching bands wound slowly down Michigan Avenue, Chicago's main shopping street, in boiling heat.

Soccer ball balloons were released from the top of a 30-storey building onto spectators, who stood 10 deep in places to cheer the parade. Office workers watched in bemusement as Colombian soccer fans danced on the sidewalks.

The Mexican float drew frenzied applause from the crowd while Dutchmen on bicycles handed out tulips. Hundreds of young American soccer players brought up the rear of the parade which lasted about 2-1/2 hours.



Bolivian dancers perform in front of their country's float during the 'Chicago Welcomes the World Cup' parade along Michigan Avenue on Wednesday. Football's showcase event kicks off today with defending champions Germany taking on Bolivia at the Soldier Field. — AFP photo

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 23 mins and a cryptogram section.

Cryptogram puzzle with a grid and a key: N Q Q J N E Q S O U X B W N I X U N J S I T N P B X E M Q A J U L L T N O U C S W Q C U E B P A L C B M P A U J. Includes a solution for 'The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher...'.