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Dutch player Peter van Vossen (C) tries to weave his way through two Fort Lauderdale Strikers' players during a World Cup prep match in Orlando on Wednesday. Holland won 6-1. — AFP photo

More goals, more red cards

DALLAS, June 16: More goals, exciting attacking soccer, but more red cards. That's the message from the new rules designed to reward the artists and penalise the artisans, reports Reuters.

Almost everyone in the game is convinced USA '94 will be remembered for attacking football because of FIFA's decision to clamp down hard on violence tactics from behind.

Bolivian midfielder Milton Melgar, a lightweight touch player, summed up the positive reaction among World Cup players and coaches to the move.

"It's a correct decision because it favours attacking football. The tackle from behind is destroying it at every turn," he said.

"This way they protect the skill of the player."

The World Cup finals, which kick off on Friday, could be about to produce some of the most attacking soccer in decades as talented ball players find greater protection from the crushing tackle.

"Football will remain as physical as it has always been but this rule gives good attacking players the chance to relax slightly longer on the ball and that can only improve the game," said Jozef Venglos, who coached Czechoslovakia at the 1982 and 1990 World Cup finals.

"It will lead to more creativity from the creative players, and the fans will definitely enjoy that."

"I also think defenders at World Cup level are intelligent enough to know not to risk it because they know they will get sent off if they come in from behind," added Venglos, now coach of Slovakia and a FIFA technical observer.

FIFA, the sport's governing body, is determined to stamp out the tactic, which they view as inhibiting forwards and causing career-threatening injuries.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter, who blasted the standards of refereeing in Italy four years ago, said: "Players who do this are destroying the game. From now on they will be automatically sent off. Referees have no alternative — they have to show the red card."

"We are going to see more free-kicks in delicate situations, more goals, and to begin with possibly more sendings off while the players adjust," said FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren.

"Players will probably try to see how much they can get away with, like kids testing their parents. But once they

Russia's rage pacified

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., June 16: Russian team officials said Wednesday that US authorities have granted visas for players' wives and other members of their World Cup delegation, reports AP.

On Tuesday, they accused US immigration authorities of delaying the entry visas for 12 members of their delegation, mostly players' and coaches' wives.

"The issue seems to be resolved," Russian head coach Pavel Sadryin said Wednesday. "My wife and a son were told they could pick up the visas in Moscow tomorrow."

Russia's team security officer Valery Draganov said all the others, except one unidentified team member, were granted the American visas and were scheduled to arrive soon.

Russia open their World Cup campaign June 20 against Brazil, the hot tournament favourite. Their Group B also includes Cameroon and Sweden.

see we are serious the message will sink in.

"Defenders are being asked to tactically outmaneuver the attacker instead of taking the easier option to get the ball by hitting him."

FIFA describe the tackle from behind, which brings instant dismissal, as one that is "violent with little or no attempt to play the ball."

Argentine star Diego Maradona, always a target for the tough-tackling defender, pleaded this week with FIFA president Joao Havelange and Blatter to ensure ball players are protected during the tournament.

"In Italy they talked of fair play and all that, but fair play nothing because Cameroon killed us in the opening game and no-one said anything,"

Zico ends it on a high

TOKYO, June 16: Brazil's soccer legend Zico ended his long professional career in triumph on Wednesday night, scoring his 817th goal and making another to give his Japanese club Kashima Antlers a 2-1 victory, reports Reuters.

The 41-year-old veteran set up the first goal after only 12 minutes when he hit a post with a wickedly curling free kick from outside the penalty area. Teammate Yutaka Akita lashed the rebound home.

Nine minutes later a vintage Zico volley from close range put his side 2-0 up against Jubilo Iwata and provided a fitting climax to his glittering 27-year career.

Eleven minutes after the interval and in obvious pain with a groin injury, Zico signalled to the bench that he wanted to come off. He was substituted by a player 21 years his junior.

Zico is planning to return to Brazil to set up a soccer school, according to media reports.

The last round of the J-League's 1994 first stage also saw another former World Cup star Gary Lineker taking the field for the first time in eight months after injury.

The ex-England captain played the last 15 minutes of Nagoya Grampus's match against Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

Grampus won 1-0 but Lineker's only shot at goal went over the bar.



Brazilian soccer star Zico waves to his supporters after playing his last game for Kashima Antlers in the J-League first stage at Iwata City in Tokyo on Wednesday. — AFP photo

Holland swamp strikers

ORLANDO, June 16: Netherlands beat Fort Lauderdale Strikers 7-1 (halftime 4-0) in a World Cup warm-up on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Scorers: Netherlands — Ronald de Boer (68), Marc Overmars (21 and 79); Jan Wouters (24), Wim Jonk (26), John Bosman (71 and 80).

Fort Lauderdale Strikers — Dan Lode (28).

NZ 316 for four

LONDON, June 16: New Zealand were 316-4 at the close of play on the opening day of the second cricket Test against England at Lord's today, reports Reuters.

USA, Swiss have one thing in common

PONTIAC, Mich., June 16: The United States and Switzerland, first-round rivals in the World Cup, also have something in common: successful foreign coaches, reports AP.

Roy Hodgson has managed to unite the Swiss team in a way few thought possible and brought it to the first World Cup finals since 1966. American fans are looking to Bora Milutinovic to work World Cup wonders like he did for Mexico and Costa Rica in the past.

Hodgson and Milutinovic lead their teams into the steamy heat of the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday when the United States play Switzerland in each team's World Cup opener.

If there is a common thread among the two men it is this: both are imports. Milutinovic was born in the former Yugoslavia during World War II and raised in Serbia. Hodgson is the son of a London bus driver.

Hodgson, 46, took over the Swiss team in January 1992 after a successful career coaching club teams in Sweden. He inherited a complacent hodgepodge of multilingual players.

Part of the team's problem was Switzerland itself. There are players of Swiss-French, Swiss-German and Swiss-Italian descent.

Before Hodgson arrived, the factions tended to go their separate ways.

That changed partly because Hodgson speaks four languages.

"Language isn't a problem, because we all speak French," midfielder Alain Sutter said.

"The big difference is our mentalities. Each region has different mentalities, and this is the first time the whole team has a good spirit together."

Once he had them all on the same page, Hodgson scrapped the traditional defensive approach the Swiss had employed for years. He replaced it with a pressing style of attack featuring Sutter, Stephane Chapuisat, Ciriaco Sforza and Adrian Knap. All four play club soccer in Germany's Bundesliga.

"We all have our job to do," said Knap, who has scored 21 times in 31 matches.

Sanchez keeps his promises

FAIRFAX, Virginia, June 16: Veteran Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez has fulfilled a long held promise to himself, the king of Spain, the president of Mexico and God, reports Reuters.

Sanchez, 36 next month, scored the same number of goals for Real Madrid in 1989 to win a Golden Boot as European's top scorer.

At the time, he promised to have solid gold replicas made for King Juan-Carlos, the president of Mexico Carlos Salinas and the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

Last week, he kept the final part of that promise when, on the way from Madrid where he now plays for the more modest Rayo Vallecano to join up with Mexico in Florida, he stopped in Mexico City.

"I went to the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe with one of the replicas and I gave the others to the president, and the King of Spain," said Sanchez on Wednesday.

"I did it to keep a promise I made and to give myself and the team good fortune. I always said I would keep that promise and I hope it will be good for us all. I am a religious person and we all want to have some help from God."

Sanchez one of the best known players in Mexican soccer history, is now in the twilight of his career after starring for the team in the 1986 finals on home soil.

"We have a great team feeling and I feel this group is the best we have had," he said.

Maradona is Sacchi's man



MARTINSVILLE, New Jersey, June 16: Italy coach Arrigo Sacchi said the steam-bath conditions of the World Cup could help Diego Maradona to stardom again, reports Reuters.

"You have to look at players like Romario and Maradona," Sacchi said on Wednesday when asked to name the likely stars of this World Cup.

"The heat will slow the game down and give Maradona a chance to show his phenomenal ability."

Sacchi said that Maradona, the hero of Argentina's 1986 World Cup triumph, was the best player of the modern era.

"Roberto Baggio and Ruud Gullit are very great players but Maradona has something else... he's the only player I've ever seen who had me on my feet to applaud one of his goals," the Italian coach said.

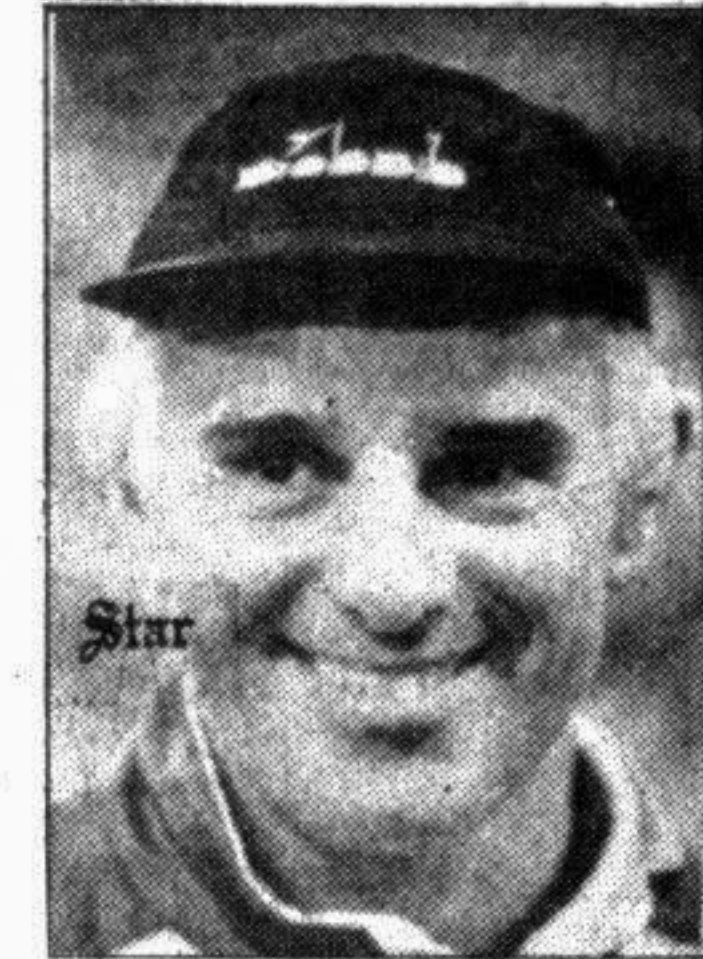
The volatile Argentine's career has been on the skids since he tested positive for cocaine after an Italian league match for Napoli in March 1991.

FIFA subsequently banned him from the game for 15 months and he has never since recovered full form and fitness, first with Sevilla in Spain and then after returning to Argentina last year.

His inclusion in the Argentine squad is clearly a gamble based on the hope he can rekindle the flame on what at 33 is sure to be his last appearance at the World Cup.

Sacchi had vivid memories of the late 1980s when

Maradona and Napoli represented the main Italian rivals to the AC Milan team he coached.



ARRIGO SACCHI

Charlton critical of FIFA

ORLANDO, Florida, June 16: Ireland coach Jack Charlton claims FIFA supremo Joao Havelange has put undue pressure on referees by threatening to send them home if they do not send off players who tackle from behind, reports AFP.

"That doesn't help us one little bit and frightens the referees to death," said the outspoken coach who side's tough tackling has been the key to much of their success.

"I would like to know what kind of tackle is a tackle from the back," said the man who won the World Cup for England in 1966.

"It didn't matter how much you dominated a game, he could always conjure a goal out of nothing," Sacchi said.

The Italian coach said that Argentina and A S Roma striker Claudio Caniggia, who has just completed a 13-month ban for drugs, could also emerge as a star.

"He could be one of the protagonists as he has had a year to rest and just prepare for this World Cup," Sacchi said of the blond forward who, with Maradona, was part of the Argentine squad which finished as runners-up in 1990.

The Italian coach appeared in a more relaxed mood as he prepared his team for their opening Group E match with Ireland in New Jersey on Saturday.

He was reassured by the fact that defender Paolo Maldini, had, as expected, shaken off a thigh strain and would be fit to play against the Irish.

Striker Pierluigi Casiraghi, likely to start on the bench, has recovered from a sore throat, leaving Sacchi with a fully fit 22-man squad.

Even the 90-degree Fahrenheit temperature and high humidity did not seem to bother Sacchi.

"We knew we weren't coming to Alaska to play," he joked.

"If anything the heat should bother Ireland and Norway more than us but I don't think it will be very important in the first game. Its effects may be felt later."

Sacchi said he would announce his starting line-up on Friday.

Irish keen to square score with Italians

ORLANDO, Fla., June 16: Far from wilting in the overwhelming Florida heat, Ireland's soccer players are fired up for World Cup action, coach Jack Charlton said Wednesday, reports AP.

"After 10 days of gruelling, intensive workouts, the players are now enjoying it all," Charlton said. "There is a bursting desire to get on with the job — to get at the Italians."

Ireland, a quarterfinalist four years ago, met 1990 semi-finalist Italy on Saturday in first round action at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

Moving 1,000 miles (1,500 kilometers) north from Orlando, the Irish are likely to find it marginally cooler but far less humid.

Whatever the weather, the Irish will be prepared, Charlton said.

"The players have been terrific this last month. The preparation at home and here has been just right," he said.

The Irish players haven't seen much of the Italians except on video although Charlton has been to watch them. The two teams met at the last World Cup.

Belgian blitz

ORMONO BEACH, Florida, June 16: Belgium beat the US under-23 team 6-0 (halftime 3-0) in a World Cup warm-up match on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Scorers: Luc Nilis (4), Josip Weber (17, 48 and 70), Enzo Scifo (24), Marc Wilmots (62).



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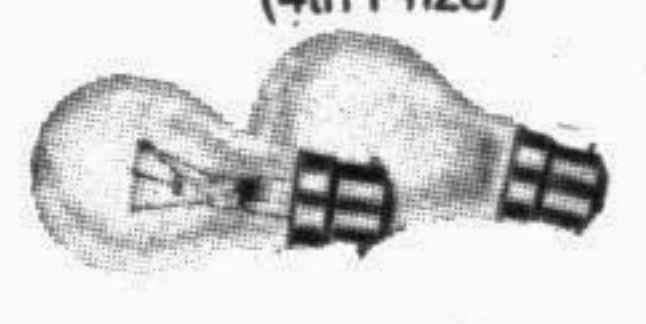
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- Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup? Eusebio ☐ Charlton ☐ Hurst ☐
- In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team's game against the USA? Bilek ☐ Skuhravy ☐ Lihovy ☐
- Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1970? Mauro ☐ Didi ☐ Zozimo ☐
- In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter-final stage without winning a match? Argentina ☐ Ireland ☐ Yugoslavia ☐
- Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W Cups? G. Muller ☐ Pele ☐ Cubillas ☐
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