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Heat taking its toll

ORLANDO, Fla, June 26 More than 400 people needed medical attention after being affected by the heat at the three World Cup games played so far at the Citrus Bowl Stadi um, an Orlando Fire Department official said Saturday. reports Reuter.

At Saturday's game between Belgium and the Netherlands. 64 people requested medical attention, including two who were taken to a hospital, assistant chief Bob Pearce said.

Between 90 and 95 per cent were for heat-related ailments. Pearce said.

The total was down significantly from the 160 people who reported to first aid posts during last Sunday's game between Belgium and Morocco. and 217 at Friday's clash between Mexico and Ireland.

Six needed hospital treat ment last Sunday and eight Friday.

The temperature in Orlando Saturday was 91 degrees fahrenheit (33 celsius), rising to 96 fahrenheit (36 celsius) on the field, Pearce told reporters.

But he said with humidity taken into account it would have felt like 104 degrees fahrenheit (40 celsius) in the city and 110 fahrenheit (43 celsius) on the field.

"Today was our best day much better than the two previous games," Pearce said.

He said fans were starting to make appropriate adjustments and take the right recautions against the extreme heat by wearing light clothing. drinking fluids and avoiding alcohol, which has a dehydrating effect.

FIFA's clarification

DALLAS, June 26: Italian Gianluca Pagliuca, the only goalkeeper ever to have been sent off at a World Cup finals, was handed a two-match ban by FIFA on Saturday, keeping him out of the tournament until the quarter-finals, reports Reuter.

Pagliuca was shown the red card in Italy's match against Norway on Thursday for deliberately handling the ball outside the penalty area.

Cameroon defender Rigobert Bahanang Song, who was sent off for a foul in his team's match with Brazil on Friday was given only a one-match

FIFA had said players sent off directly would get minimum two-game bans but a spokesman said the decision was always a discretion of the disciplinary committee and they may have felt the offence was not serious enough for such a punishment.

Seven other players, either sent off for a second yellow card in the same match or for two cautions in the the tournament, were given one-match suspensions.

They were Julio Baldevieso and Luis Cristaldo of Bolivia. Denis Irwin and Terry Phelan of Ireland, Alf Inge Haland of Norway, Sergei Gorlukovich of Russia and Sweden's Martin Dahlin.

Albert's wish fulfilled

ORLANDO, June 26: Philippe Albert had more to celebrate than his crucial goal and a convincing performance in the Belgian team on Saturday for their 1-0 World Cup Group F victory over arch rivals the Netherlands, reports Reu-

The 26-year-old defender who has survived a car accident and a bad playing injury to his right knee during the last six months, was also making his comeback after suspen-

"For me this is more than a team victory," he said.

"It is a triumph over fatality "I have won against everything. It is my revenge on the things that happened to me."

Albert, one of the tallest and most uncompromising defenders in the team, was suspended for the Belgians opening game against Morocco.

"I felt things were working "It's true that when you get older you need to concentrate against me," he said after a match in which he was outand rest more. I'm not a child of 14 who can run around all standing, both in defence and when he broke into attack." day," he said. "In the heat here I get a bit



Rudi Voeller and Thomas Haessler stand in a line during a training session at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas on Saturday. Germany meet South Korea in their last Group A match today. - AFP photo

Germany may take it out on ROK



DALLAS, June 26: uld feel the back lash of an angry Germany on Monday as the world

champions look for the kind of victory that will restore their credibility, reports Reuter.

Although a draw guarantees them a second round place, nothing less than a convincing win will be enough for Germany or their critics following two undistinguished World Cup performances. A single goal victory over

Bolivia and a draw with Spain has caused friction in the usually-harmonious German camp and coach Berti Vogts is threatening changes.

Playmaker Andy Moeller or fellow midfielder Thomas Haessler might have to start Germany's final Group C game on the substitutes' bench as a frustrated Vogts tries to lift his players out of a state bordering on inertia.

Vogts has said he will drop one of his three midfielders to make way for the return of Karlheinz Riedle or Rudi Voeller in a two-man attack with Juergen Klinsmann.

But his problems were compounded by a thigh injury to defensive midfielder Thomas Strunz during training on Saturday.

The coach may yet have to

for one more da-

The Cameroon striker, who

on Friday became the oldest

player to appear at the World

Cup finals, plans to perform

his wiggle at the corner flag -

which he patented in Italy in

1990 - if he scores in USA

thing as I did four years ago."

Milla said in an interview,

flashing the gap-toothed grin

which also endeared him to

when Milla came off the bench

as a second-half substitute

against Brazil to steal goal-

keeper Dino Zoff's record as the oldest World Cup per-

former. Zoff was a sprightly 40

when he captained Italy in

mark by transforming World

Cup matches as a substitute.

But his luck ran out this time

Brazil scored within seconds

of his entrance and finally won

But even though he is 42,

recently out of retirement and

recovering from a hamstring

injury, most people would he-

sitate before betting against

Milla snatching another goal or

two before retirement beckons

Lion still looks lithe and agile.

although he likes to put his

feet up more these days.

The original Indomitable

In 1990 Milla made his

There was no hip-wiggling

the fans in Italy.

Spain in 1982.

yet again.

"If I score, I'll do the same

42, reports Reuter.

PALO ALTO, Cali-

fornía, June 26:

Roger Milla says

he is not too old

nce at the age of

revert to the side that played South Korea co- Bolivia and keep both Moeller and Haessler in the midfield with Matthias Sammer if Strunz does, not recover in

> Vogts, who is coming under increasing pressure back home, is desperate for his side to start scoring goals and playing like champions.

> We are going to have to work hard for 90 minutes against South Korea, or we could have problems," said Vogts. "We really have got to get stuck in and something has to start happening in our midfield."

The biggest danger for Germany comes from the Koreans pace on the counter attack and their ability to keep running until the end of the

Bonhoff said: "We expect them

Assistant coach Rainder

to fight till the last man. They play defensively but come at you on the counter-attack with Korean coach Kim Ho plans to field his fittest players for a game that will be played in

mid-afternoon temperatures exceeding 30° Celsius. "Every player is in a fighting spirit for this game," said Kim. "We will have to rely on our speed. That is the only way we can win. I have told my players to be calm and patient and the goals will come."

tired after training. I lie down

vision and see the other

the chance to break Zoff's

record but shrugs off the glory

of being the oldest player to

When you know how to play

this sport you don't find it a

ROGER MILLA

him. He still plays tennis, does

not smoke or drink, and works

every morning, even if I have

training in the afternoon. In

Cameroon that means going up

and down hills," he said.

keep scoring goals."

in the squad.

His success is no mystery to

"I run for about 25 minutes

"Even Pele had to train to

His second return from re-

tirement is reported to have

been at the request of

Cameroon president Paul Biya,

who persuaded French-born

Coach Henri Michel to put him

a career stretching back more

than two decades. It includes

more than 100 matches for

Cameroon and appearances in

Milla is a national hero after

"Age is not important.

Milla was thankful to have

a bit to recuperate, watch tele-

matches that are one."

appear in the finals.

problem," he said.

facing his side, who have still to win a World Cup finals match in 10 attempts. "Germany are a top-level

Kim acknowledges the task

team, the world champions. and we are underdogs, so we have to play our very best." Vogts, on the other hand,

knows his side has to win, and win well, against the Asian outsiders or continue to face mounting criticism. He also wants three points to ensure Germany wins Group

C ahead of Spain and stay in their Chicago base for the second round. "South Korea have nothing to lose, but we should be able to beat them if we play our

PROBABLE TEAMS GERMANY: 1-Bodo Illgner.

game," he said.

7-Andreas Moeller, 3-Andreas Brehme, 14-Thomas Berthold, 4-Juergen Kohler, 10-Lothar Matthaeus, 20-Stefan Effenberg, 16-Matthias Sammer, 8-Thomas Haessler, 18-Juergen Klinsmann, 9-Karlheinz Riedle.

SOUTH KOREA: 1-Choi In Young, 4-Kim Pan-Keun, 5-Park Jung-Bae, 20-Hong Myung-Bo, 6-Lee Young-Jin, 7 Shin Hong-Gi. 8-Noh Jung-Yoon, 9-Kim Joo-Sung, 10-Ko Jeong-Woon, 11-Seo Jung-Won, 18-Hwang Sun-Hong.

Kickoff: 2005 GMT.

in 1982, 1990 and 1994.

The African player-of-the-

year as long ago as 1976, he

won the title again in 1990 at

the age of 38 with his four

World Cup goals which helped

put African soccer on the map.

spells at five French clubs - St

Etienne, Montpellier, Monaco,

Bastia and Valenciennes - and

was revived last January at

gained was the invitation he

received to take part in the

1994 World Cup draw along-

side all time greats such as

Pele, Franz Beckenbauer,

Bobby Charlton, Michel Platini

changed him and that the

most rewarding thing in his

career has been the support of

but when you see friends and

fans cheering and waving you

on in every town you go to,

that is much more important,"

He regards the second goal

he scored against Romania in

1990 as his most memorable

because he started and fin-

ished the move with a fierce

days were marred by cash dis-

putes, not only over bonuses at

this World Cup but also over

demands for appearance fees

Now he is looking forward

Milla laughed when asked if

But if Cameroon's prepara-

he would play in the next

tions are as chaotic as for

these finals the Old Lion might

just be called to the rescue

again in some capacity or

World Cup in France in 1998.

following his success in 1990.

to another retirement.

Some of his latter playing

drive into the roof of the net.

Milla says success has not

"You can earn lots of money

A sign of the respect he has

Tonnerre in Cameroon.

and Eusebio.

he said.

His career has included

Pathemata mathemata for Nigeria

FOXBORO. Massachusetts. June 26: Nigeria said inexperience and naivety cost them their 2-1 defeat by Argentina in a World Cup Group D match on Saturday, but they were still confident of qualifying for the second round, reports Reuter.

The team also criticised the refereeing of Swedish official Bo Karlsson, who they accused of overprotecting Argentina's star player, captain Diego Ma-

"I am proud of my players and the way they performed," Nigeria coach Clemens Westerhof told reporters after the match at the Foxboro Stadium south of Boston.

"We missed a little bit of experience and Argentina scored their two goals while the players were arguing with the referee." he said. "We have learnt a lesson.

Squad captain Stephen Keshi, again relegated to the substitute's bench for Nigeria's second match of the tournament said his team had "lost the battle in midfield."

They were too clever for us there," he said.

Defender Augustine Eguavoen, who went to hospital for X-rays on a badly sprained ankle afterwards, and referee Karlsson's performance had been "unbelievably bad."

"We couldn't touch the Argentine players without the referee blowing against us. We lost our composure and it was very difficult to come back after we had gone behind."

Westerhof also had some snide remarks about the offi

"Maybe he is a distant relation of Maradona. I hope we get a chance to play Argentina against later in the tournament, but with a different ref eree," the Dutch-born coach

"But I've told my players to forget it all. Now we have to concentrate on finishing second in our group."

Nigeria play Greece in Foxboro on Thursday in their final Group D match.

"You car ..ever underesti mate your opponents and Greece might be desperate for points. We are taking them very seriously," said Westerhof

Striker Daniel Amokachi added: "We need just one point but it is not going to be easy."

Bell tolls for Bell

Of an ageless entertainer SAN FRANCISO, June 26: Cameroon goalkeeper Joseph Antoine Bell on Saturday announced he as quitting the troubled national side, which is currently competing in the World Cup, and said his career was finished, reports AFP.

"Given all the problems that the team has - and which seem to focus on me - and all the problems that (coach) Henri Michel has, and which are not problems on the field, I no longer wish to continue to be part of the side and now my



JOSEPH BELL

at a training camp near here. Bell, who turns 40 in October, earlier in the week had acted as a spokesman for teammates who had threat ened to refuse to play against Brazil if the Cameroon Football Federation did not pay what it has owed the players for the past two months.

An accord was reached a day before Friday's match.

Rocha doubtful

PONTIAC, June 26: Brazilian defender Ricardo Rocha said on Saturday he had still not recovered from a strained left thigh muscle and might miss the final World Cup Group B match against Sweden on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

FRANCE'S QUARTER-FINAL WITH BRAZIL IS A

REAL CORKER. CARECA RIFLES THE SOUTH



Firuz Al-Mamun Titu, one of the two first prize winners of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz No 5 — the draw for which was held earlier this month — receives his Philips Powervision colour TV set from chief guest Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman (C) at the prize-giving ceremony at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. A S Mahmud, Chairman of Transcom Electronics Ltd, sponsors of the quiz, is seen on extreme right.

- Star photo Swedes delay their celebration



PONTIAC. Mich. this group." June 26: Friday was Midsummer's Eve in Sweden, the biggest holiday of the ye-

ar and a day for celebrations. Especially when the na tional team beats Russia 3-1 for its first World Cup victory in 20 years.

But the Swedish team will put the herring, schnapps and other traditional Swedish Midsummer's Eve offerings on hold, reports AP. "We always celebrate when

we have a victory," coach Tommy Svensson said. "But we'll take it easy and be careful because we have another game on Tuesday. "The boys are serious.

We're already thinking about

the next game. We want to win

more than 100 (35 C) on the pitch.

were not interrupting the game.

southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

may have overwhelmed the team.

be keeping the souvenir.

even gave me his pants."

cer fund to help needy children.

ourselves as winners, without having played."

and striding off.

of the World Cup.

away with that."

Striker Martin Dahlin, whose two headers virtually clinched a second-round place for the Swedes, agreed.

"This is the World Cup," he said. "You don't celebrate in the World Cup until after the

While the result virtually assured Sweden of advancing, it all but eliminated the Russians and will force the resignation of their coach, Pavel Sadyrin. For the Swedes though, it

was all smiles. Dahlin, who also scored Sweden's late equaliser in a 2-2 tie with Cameroon on Sunday, headed the Swedes in front with a low glancing

WORLD CUP DIARY

LOS ANGELES, California, June 26: Saturday's World Cup

YES, BUT HE'S NOT PLAYING

dismissed claims from World Cup chief Alan Rothenberg that

the heat and humidity in Orlando were not affecting matches

Ireland's 2-1 loss to Mexico in temperatures that reached

tions were the same for both teams - then he added that he

TV TROUBLE IN CYPRUS

play in the World Cup clash between Argentina and Greece

complaints and three companies asked the corporation to

switch their adverts to half time instead. Another advertiser,

who already had a half-time slot, boasted in their ad that they

ARGENTINIANS NEVER FORGET

by Colombia in the qualifiers, made more than 200 anony-

mous calls to the Colombian Embassy in Buenos Aires to

ridicule their South American rivals after their second defeat

MEXICO CAN KEEP CAMPOS

ant Mexico keeper Jorge Campos, whose day-long uniforms

very good, but he's not exceptional. He's agile, but he takes a

lot of risks. If he played in England, he wouldn't be able to get

PARTY OUT OF BOUNDS

into a looting spree, drawing 80 police officers to the scene

car. The officers had taken action when the 5,000 celebrants

began blocking traffic in Huntington Park, about five miles

COLOMBIAN POST MORTEM

the road to their stunning 2-1 victory, wrote in a newspaper

column from California that their tag as dark-horse favourites

Andres Escobar, whose own goal put the United States on

"I think we were fed a lot of stories and we believed

them," he said. From the fans to the journalists they began to

heap on us a pressure to win or else. We began to think of

NUMBER 10 FOR SALE

star Roberto Baggio after their 1-0 loss to Italy, but he won't

auction football memorabilia to finance his Rune Bratseth soc-

Norway captain Runa Bratseth traded shirts with Italian

Bratseth, who is retiring after the World Cup, plans to

Bratseth said he arranged the swap with Baggio before the

"Baggio was really happy to help out," Bratseth said. "He

A man was arrested after a police officer was struck by a

and ending in one arrest, Los Angeles county police said.

A raucous street party in honour of the World Cup turned

and forays out of his area have made him a headliner.

Ireland forward John Aldridge is not a big fan of flamboy-

"He's OK," Aldridge said. "For a very small goalkeeper he's

Argentinian fans, still bitter at their side's 5-0 home defeat

because of 28 interruptions for television advertising.

had never heard a winning team complain about the heat.

Ireland goalkeeper Pat Bonner and midfielder Roy Keane

"It was almost impossible at times," Keane said after

Rothenberg made the usual argument - that the condi-

"What a load of nonsense," Bonner said, shaking his head

Furious Cypriot soccer fans were deprived of 10 minutes

The Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation were inundated with

powered in another eight minutes from the end. Dahlin, who in 1991 be-

header in the 60th minute and

appear on the national team. credited teammates Jonas Thern and Kennet Andersson

for setting up the goals. "They were two great crosses. It was not difficult for me," said Dahlin, who earlier this year had a hattrick after three headers in a Bundesliga game for Borussia Moncheng-

Dahlin collected his second yellow card of the tournament and will miss the third firstround game against Brazil on

adbach.

Svensson said Dahlin had a great performance.

"He's had a lot of good performances," Svensson said. "Perhaps this was one of the best, if not the best."

It was Sweden's first World Cup tournament victory since they beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in

Salenko fired the Russians ahead from the penalty spot in the fourth minute and Tomas Brolin levelled, also from the spot, in 39th. It was the third goal in the last four games for Brolin, who played a more defensive role in midfield this

The game was less than a minute old when Russian defender Sergei Gorlukovich was shown the yellow card for deliberately handling the ball during a challenge in the air. Five minutes after half time he was sent off after the latest of a series of fouls.

Salenko's goal at the indoor Pontiac Silverdome before 71,528 fans, including several thousand Swedes, gave the Russians an unexpected early boost, however

Roger Ljung challenged Alexander Borodiuk near the 6-metre line and the Russian striker went down. French referee Joel Quiniou said it was a penalty and Salenko stroked in the spot kick almost casu-

"It was a tough penalty," said goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli, who was making his 112th appearance for Sweden and now is just three away from Bjorn Nordqvist's Swedish record of 115. "But we showed good morale and as the game developed we got the upper

Kaiser impressed

CHICAGO, June 26: Franz Beckenbauer, Germany's 1990 World Cup-winning coach, said on Saturday the standard of soccer at the World Cup finals had been surprisingly high despite the energy-sapping heat and humidity, reports Reuter.

"We have seen some interesting matches despite the difficult climate," he said in an interview. "I have been surprised by how quick some of the games have been.'

Beckenbauer, who played for New York Cosmos in the short-lived North American soccer league in the 1970s after an illustrious career in what was then West Germany. was impressed by the attendance at matches to date.

is that the sport is being accepted by more and more of the American public and spectators. That depends a lot on the good results of the American team," he said.

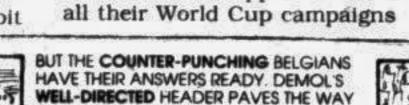
"The most important thing

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