### FIFA carves up 1998 World Cup map

## Africa comes away big winner



Africa came away as a big winner Thursday. getting two more guaranteed ber-

ths for a total of five at the pext two World Cups, while Europe and South America also received an additional two berths each, but only for 1998. reports AP

With the World Cup expanding from 24 to 32 teams in 1998, the additional berths mean Europe will have 15 countries competing in France and South America five. CONCACAF picked up an additional one for a total of three while Asia received a guarantee of one more for a total of three with the possibility of winning a fourth in a playoff with Oceania

Thursday's announcement by FIFA president Joao Havelange, following a meeting of man executive commuttee means Africa's repre-

#### Maradona's tears of gratitude

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 28 The world soccer body FIFA nearly made Diego Maradona in again on Thursday - not tears of anger but of gratitude to letting him become a coach, reports Reuter.

This time they acted more tumanely than I had expected," he said on television in telling his countrymen that FIFA, which two months ago had banned him from all soccer would now let him coach Argentina's Deportivo Mandiyu

Of course I am grateful," he and his interviewer, visibly moved "I want to thank them for letting me on the field

The former superstar who led Argentina to the World Cup title in 1986 - has been informally coaching Mandiyu for three weeks now.

But he said FIFA, which on august 24 banned him for 15 months and fined him 15,000 dollar for failing a drugs test at the US World Cup finals, would now allow him to take a course get his official coaching ti-

That of course will take time." Maradona said

The controversial 33-yearand star reiterated he has no intention of ever returning to the field as a player

The player, they have buried a long time ago," he said of FIFA's ban, which he has angrily denounced several fillies as too tough.

"But as a coach. I feel great."

#### Atherton not amused

PERTH. Oct 28: England captain Mike Atherton was unimpressed by the experimental 'quarters' format of limited-overs cricket, while his team was unimpressive in suffering a 51-run defeat to Western Australia on Thursday might, reports AP.

Atherton said Friday that he would be quite happy never to play another game of 'quarters' cricket, in which matches are split into four quarters of 25 overs instead of the usual two innings of 50 overs.

England trailed a the halfway mark in both runs and wickets - 83 for four in reply to Western Australia's 90 for and was all out for 197 in 45.5 overs chasing the home team's imposing target of 248 for five.

Atherton said he was happy to have taken part in the experiment, but is against changing the limited-overs

I'm happy with the one-day game as it stands and happy if that's the last time we play quarters," Atherton said.

"I think it's a bit early to say whether quarters cricket will be a success or not. Often cricket administrators are guilty of tinkering with rules and regulations for the sake of it and this may be one instance

of that. "The problem I see is that if one side dominates the first 25 overs, the crowd may as

well go home." Atherton said he was disappointed with his team's per-

formance, in its second match of the five-Test Ashes tour. "I thought Western Australia

was five to 10 per cent better than us in all departments," he

Western Australian captain Damien Martyn said he felt the quarters' concept has poten-

"Even if we'd lost, I think all the guys still enjoyed the concept of the 25-over sys-

tem," he said. "I think it keeps the crowd on edge, because at the halfway stage it's all even and then we

come out and fight again for the next 50 overs." England has a day off on Friday but faces Western Australia in a four-day match starting Saturday at the WACA

Ground.

sentation in the quadrennial championship has increased ! 1-2 times since 1990 when it had only two teams in the tournament

"Everybody was in full consent of what was now decided," said FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter. "Everybody is happy. So there was no fight, no battle. Europe is happy, you can ask them.'

With Europe having seven of the eight quarterfinalists at the 1994 World Cup and the second highest membership in FIFA (49 nations, second only to Africa's 51), many thought UEFA would get 16 berths.

Since the hosts and defending champions are assured of berths, Europe could have as few as 14 in 2002 and South America could be reduced to



JOAO HAVELANGE

Although the 2002 World Cup has not been awarded to any nation yet, FIFA has assured that it will be staged in an Asian country. Japan and South Korea are the likely

The 1998 World Cup will be the first time that Europe has had less than half of the participating nations, but Blatter said that reflected the increasing popularity of soccer.

The pupils are now caught up with the teachers," he said. "I'm totally satisfied," UEFA president Lennart Johansson of Sweden said. "Two months ago when we met in Zurich we said if we would get 14 places

Africa has pressed for more representation in the World Cup finals ever since Cameroon reached the quarterfinals in

we would be satisfied.

"I'm happy because we received unanimous support from Europe and Asia for the five places for Africa," CAF president Issa Havatou of Cameroon said.

The allocation adopted by the committee was the first of two recommended by the six regional confederation presi-

Havelange said the distribution of berths was not the same as his recommendations. Africa four, South America five (including defending cham pion Brazil), three each for Asia and CONCACAF, and one

Some have questioned giving South America five berths considering it only has 10 member nations.

for Oceania.

At the last World Cup in the United States, Europe had 13 berths, including defending champion Germany, South America three (plus a fourth won in a playoff with the CONCACAF-Oceania playoff winner). Africa three, and CONCACAF and Asia two each.

The expansion of the World Cup by eight teams came as a campaign promise by Havelange, who was elected to a sixth term as FIFA president in

While some reporters questioned the logic of the announcement, both Blatter and Havelange insisted the alloca-

tion was equitable. "It is fair. If you share with

Blatter said. The secretary general explained that with eight additional berths, it was generally two in dispute.

Six for South America, he said, would leave that conti-

many players in the European leagues." Blatter said. African football is well recognized in Europe. "If Europe gets 16,

So the two berths, were divided among Europe and

But the allocation still left Oceania without a guaranteed berth. Blatter said that had to

would not be good to give Oceania a full berth since it would practically ensure for Australia a World Cup berth.'

The World Cup berths was only one, albeit the biggest item on the FIFA executive committee agenda. Other decisions included

making three points for a victory and one for a draw in all professional and amateur competitions throughout the world. The decree will take effect in the next competitive season of each respective league.

petitions hence except the World Cup will have a suddendeath overtime, meaning games that are tied that must be decided will go two 15minute extra periods, but will

will break the deadlock.

And one matter placed before the committee for consideration that will be decided later was Havelange's suggestion that a member of the Executive Committee serve a two-year term as president between the expiration of his term in 1998 and 2000.

This would place the presidential election in a two-year cycle opposite the World Cup. and de-politicize the World Cup. Some criticized Havelange for "buying" his last election in June by guaranteeing the smaller confederations additional World Cup berths with his expansion of the field to 32 teams.

The matter will have to be decided by a full FIFA Congress, the next of which isn't scheduled until 1996.

On another issue, the Executive Committee followed along with the United Nations' initial lifting of sporting and cultural sanctions against Yugoslavia, allowing the country to play friendly matches for the next three months but not participate in any tournaments.

AT A GLANCE

World Cup Berths: Allocation of berths for the 1998 and 2002 World Cup as approved Thursday by the FIFA Executive Committee.

Europe — 14 South America — 4 Africa — 5

Asia — 3 plus a playoff with Oceania for a possible fourth CONCACAF — 3

Oceania — must play off with Asian team to qualify Hosts - 1 (1998, France: 2002, Asian nation)

(1998, Brazil) Berths by 1994 Confederation:

Defending champions - 1

Europe - 13 (including defending champions Germany) South American - 3 guaranteed, fourth berth won in playoff with CONCACAF-Oceania playoff winner

Africa — 3 CONCACAF — 2 (including host United States) Asia — 2

Oceania — 0 (lost playoff with CONCACAF team) Confederation Membership

: Number of member federations by region. Africa — 51 Europe — 49 Asia — 42

CONCACAF — 29 South America — 10 Oceania — 10 Executive Committee Membership: Breakdown by region of the composition of

the 21-member FIFA. **Executivé Committee:** FIFA President. Joao Havelange (Brazil)

Europe — 8 South America — 3 Africa — 3

Asia — 3 CONCACAF - 3 Oceania - 0

#### Nat'l age-group swimming ends

Sports Reporter

M Lipi Akhter and M Abdul Hamid Ripon stood out with individual hauls of nine golds each while Bangladesh Ansars natants reasserted ascendency in the 14th national age-group swimming championships which came to conclusion at

Ten records were rewrote on the final day that saw Lipi, representing Ansars, win one and Ripon, the Pabna swimmer, bag two more.

the Mirpur national swimming

complex yesterday.

The new records set on the concluding day were by Nibedita Das of Bangladesh Biman in 400m freestyle (girls 15-17). Mili Akhter of Biman in 200m individual medlev (girls 11-12). Seema Dutta of Bangladesh Ansars in 100m backstroke (girls 13-14). Mita Shome of Bangladesh Ansars in 200m individual medley (girls 15-17), Abdul Halim of BKSP in 50m butterfly (boys 10 years). Mahmuda Sharif of Bangladesh Ansars in 100m breaststroke (women), Masud Rana of Raishahi Education Board in 200m backstroke (boys 15-17), Monira Rahman Dalia of BTMC in 100m butterfly (women). Jobeda Khatun of Bangladesh Ansars in 100m breaststroke (girls 15-17), and Mosharraf Hossain of BKSP in 50m freestyle (boys 11-12).

Dr Sofia Hasna Jahan Ali, former president of the Bang ladesh Women's Sports Federation, was chief guest in the closing ceremony and gave away prizes among the winners. Bangladesh Swimming Federation supremo M Asafuddowlah was also there.

#### Six-figure sum for WC teams

NEW YORK, Oct 28: World Cup teams will receive 700,000 dollars per match played in last summer's championship, FIFA announced on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Winners Brazil, who pock eted nearly five million dollars from their seven-match run at the tournament, received a further payout and some impressive hardware in accepting two awards at the press briefing following the FIFA's executive meeting.

Brazilian federation president Ricardo Teixeira claimed trophies for fair play and most entertaining team at the World Cup — and took away another 100,000 dollars for each

#### Ctg football

CHITTAGONG, Oct 28: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club crushed their juniors, Mohammedan Blues, 8-1 in the only match of the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 5-0.

Mohammedans collected 20 points from 15 matches while Mohammedan Blues got 12 points from an equal number of encounters.

#### Div II hockey

Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha recorded in emphatic 4-1 victory over Cantonian SC in one of the two super league matches of the Green Delta Second Division hockey at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, re-

Abul Kalam scored four superb field goals for the winners in the 9th, 32nd, 50th and 69th minutes. Moinuddin netted a consolation goal for the losers in the 57th minute.

In the other match Barnak Samaj and Tejgaon Agragami Club shared points in a goalless draw at the same venue.

ports UNB.

on Friday, reports Reuter.



Ansars (L) and M Abdul Hamid Ripon all smiles after bagging nine golds each in the 14th national age-group swimming championships, which concluded yesterday at the Mirpur national swimming complex.



Pakistan wicketkeeper Rashid Latif dives to whip the bails off to terminate South African opening batsman Gary Kirsten's tenure at the wicket during the triangular series match at the Igbal Stadium, Faisalabad yesterday Kirsten was run out for 69 and Pakistan won the match by six wickets. AFP photo

SA end triangular series empty-handed

# Ijaz propels Pakistan



FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct 28: ljaz Ahmed hit a breezy 98 not out to help Pakistan crush South Africa yet again in the triangular series here at the Igbal Sta dium on Friday, reports AFP. .

ljaz featured in a matchwinning unbroken 148-run stand for the fifth wicket with Basit Ali as Pakistan overhauled their opponents' total of 222 with five and a half overs to

That left a miserable South African side with six defeats in six outings against Pakistan and Australia, who contest the series final in Lahore on Sunday.

Pakistan had begun shakily losing four wickets for 75 runs in the first 22 overs Saeed Anwar (14), Aamir

Sohail (25). Inzamamul Haq (19) and skipper Salim Malik (7) had all gone cheaply before Ijaz and Basit, who ended on 52, shored up the innings. ljaz's contribution included

11 fours and a six in 87 deliveries. Basit boasted seven boundaries and faced just 60

The finale, however, offered

with Pakistan needing a single to win and liaz requiring two for his century. He attempted a huge have and was bowled by Eric Simons - off a no ball, which

some excitement for the fans

gifted Pakistan its winning run. Earlier South African captain Kepler Wessels won the toss and saw his side make 222 for four.

Wessels with opening partner Garry Kirsten put on 125 runs on a placed surface.

Kirsten was run out in the 31st over, beaten by a Salim Malik throw Kirsten made 69 off 97 deliveries and hit four boundaries while Wessels reached 51 before he was caught by Wasim Akram off his own bowling. The rest of the batting

failed to capitalise. Darvll Cullinan made four and Hausie Cronie 18 as the minutes lost



IJAZ AHMED .m-o-m

momentum. Jonty Rhodes re mained not out on 45 and David Richardson was unbeaten at 27.

SCOREBOARD

Score Board of the triangu-

lar series match between

Pakistan and South Africa here

at the Igbal Stadium today.

Akram Raza 46 Salim Malik 0 37 2 0 10 0 Aamir Sohail PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar c Cultinan b Matthews Aamir Sohatl c Cullinan li Simons Inzamam ul-Haq c Kirsten b Simons

SOUTH AFRICA:

Kirsten rup out

Cronje b Malik

Rhodes not out

Bowling:

Wasim Akram

Wagar Younts

Aagib Javed

Richardson not out

130: 3-138: 4-166

Wessels c and b Akram

Cullinan c Raza b Younts

Extras (b-1, lb-2, nb-3, w-2)

Total (for four wickets in 50

Fall of wickets: 1-125: 2-

35

liaz Ahmed not out Basit Ali not out Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-2, w-2) Total: (for four wickets. 44.3 oversl

Salim Malik b Simons

Simons

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3-66: 4-76. Did not bat: Rashid Latif. Wasim Akram, Akram Raza, Wagar Younis, Aagib Javed. OMRW Bowling: de Villiers 46 0 Matthews 10 0 Cronje

49 3

52

Fall of wickets: 1-26: 2-47:

30 0 Shaw 0 Result: Pakistan won by six Man-of-the-match: Ijaz Ah-

Next match: Pakistan v Australia, final at Lahore, Sunday.

## Zimbabweans 276 for four



276 for four in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 402, at the close of the third day of the third and final cricket Test

HARARE, Oct 28:

Zimbabwe were

On Thursday Hashan Tillekeratne's maiden Test century was one of the few highlights of another tedious day as Sri Lanka crawled to a first innings 402 on the second day. Wicket keeper Tillekeratne

then snapped up a catch to dismiss Grant Flower off the final ball of the day to leave Zimbabwe 10 for one in reply. Tillekeratne, who three

times before in Test cricket

had been dismissed in the nineties, took seven and a half hours in compiling 116, hitting 14 boundaries from the 287 balls he faced. Resuming at their overnight 248 for four, Sri Lanka might have been expected to

in the morning session as they lost two more wickets. Captain Arjuna Ranatunga (39) and Sanath Jayasuriya (10) both fell to paceman Heath Streak and this appeared to take the confidence

look for runs but only 69 came

Tillikeratne shared stands of 49 with Ruwan Kalpage (14) and 37 with Kumara Dharmasena (21) but there was little aggression in their batting. Tillekeratne eventually fell

to a brilliant, one-handed

ward short leg off the leg-spin

catch by Mark Dekker at for-

out of the visiting batsmen.

of Paul Strang. Streak finished with figures of 4-97 and Strang, making his Test debut, 3-65.

Tillekeratne said it had been a relief to reach his century. "I was waiting for this for quite some time ... I'm very happy now." SCOREBOARD

bwe and Sri Lanka on Thurs-SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 248 for four)

Mahanama c. Dekker b Streak Gurusinha e A. Flower b Brain Ranatunga c Whittall b Strang Tillekeratne e Dekker b Strang A de Silva e Dekker b Streak A.Ranatunga c Dekker b Streak Jayasuriya c James b Streak Kalpage c James b Brain Dharmasena c A Flower b Strang

Vaas not out Pushpakumara c A. Flower b Jarvis Extras: (b-7 lb-11, nb-10, w-4) Fall of wickets: 1-64; 2-100;

3-149; 4-192; 5-267; 6-280; 7-329; 8-366; 9-380. Bowling: Streak



TILLEKERATNE ... 116 37 13 58 Whittall 28 5 74

25 6 65

ZIMBABWE: First innings G Flower c Tillekeratne b Pushpakumara Dekker not out Scoreboard on the second Total (for one wicket) Fall of wickets: 1-10

Strang

day of the third and final To bat. A Campbell, cricket Test between Zimba-D Houghton, A Flower, W James. G. Whittall H.Streak, P. Strang, D. Brain, M. Jarvis.

Bowling (to date): O M R W Vaas 6 3 4 0 Pushpakumara 5 2 4 Dharmasena 2020 (Incomplete)

#### Reid eager for Test recall

PERTH, Oct 28: Fast bowler Bruce Reid will be aiming to take a crucial step toward regaining his Test spot when he plays for Western Australia in a four-day cricket match against England starting Saturday at

The lanky 31-year-old has been plagued by injuries throughout his career, but has also twice starred against England in home Ashes series - taking 47 wickets at 20.40. including a career-best 13 for 148 in Melbourne in 1990-91. Reid had figures of none for

the WACA Ground, reports AP.

in a day-night game against England on Thursday and hopes he can rejoin the Test squad for the five-Test Ashes series. "I thought his first spell against England on Thursday was the best he has bowled

16 from six economical overs

this year," said Daryl Foster, the coach of the Western Australian state team. "He really bent his back a little bit, and got his followthrough going. It was most

promising for us and for Australia later on." Reid has a total of 113 wickets from 27 Tests at 24.64 but his run of injuries started in 1988 when his back seized, forcing him to miss

He had to have several discs? removed and still has a metal plate in his back. "It still sets off alarms at

airports, but only the handheld ones, not the ones you walk through," Reid said. He currently is trying to

the next season.

strengthen a shoulder that collapsed at the start of last season, when he tore tendons off the bone trying to throw too hard into a stiff breeze at the WACA Ground.

#### which had Europe getting 16 end when the first goal is berths (including host France), scored. If still tied, penalties Taxing SA tour for England



England's cricketers face a demanding schedule of five Tests. followed by seven one-day internationals, when

96. reports AFP. Alan Smith chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "The two boards see this tour as unique in having two distinct parts.

"A five-match Test series

with preparation will form the

they tour South Africa in 1995-

first part and the second phase will be a seven-one-day match But Smith was quick to realise the benefits of the arrangement: "While the one-day series will carry the usual prestige, both teams will regard this as an ideal prepara-

tion for the World Cup, which follows immediately after the end of the tour," he said.

Smith indicated the com-

"England expect to make some team changes at the end of the Test series. This is relatively easy with the United Kingdom and South Africa in near enough the same time zone," he said.

It will be the first fivematch Test series South Africa have played against England since the 1964-65 season which Mike Smith's team won. England will also be the first side to tour South Africa

in a five-match Test series since Bobby Simpson's Australian side in 1966-67 which South African won 3-1. The tourists will play a firstclass match in Johannesburg's

Soweto township against the South African invitation XI. Another first-class match will take place in the township of Chatsworth, outside the port city of Durban against a Combined South African Univer-

#### sities and Colleges side. position of the England squad

ENGLAND TOUR ITINERARY The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) on Thursday announced the itinerary for England's tour of South

Africa in 1995. It includes South Africa's first five-Test series since their return to international cricket in 1991, as well as seven one-

day internationals.

Oct 19: Arrive Oct 24: NFO (Nicky Oppenheimer ) XI, Randjesfontein Oct 25: Eastern Transvaal (day- night), Springs

Oct 27-30: South Africa Invitation XI, Soweto

Nov 9-12: South Africa A. Kimberley Nov 16-20: First Test, Pretoria Nov 23-26: Orange Free State, Bloemfontein

Nov 2-5: Border, East London

Jan 2-6: Fifth Test, Cape Town

One-day international series:

Nov 30-Dec 4: Second Test, Johannesburg Dec 7-10: Boland, Paarl Dec 14-18: Third Test, Durban Dec 20-22: Combined SA Universities, Chatsworth, Durban Dec 26-30: Fourth Test, Port Elizabeth

Jan 9: South Africa (day-night). Cape Town Jan 11: South Africa (day-night), Bloemfontein Jan 13: South Africa, Johannesburg Jan 14: South Africa, Pretoria

Jan 17: South Africa (day-night). Durban Jan 19: South Africa (day-night), East London Jan 21: South Africa, Port Elizabeth

you neighbour, that is fair,"

viewed that each confederation would receive one, leaving only

nent with 60 per cent of its membership in the World Cup. That left the dispute between Africa and Europe, he added. "African football now has

they take half the cake.

be since only Australia has qualified for that region in any of FIFA's tournaments, apparently dismissing New Zealand's appearance in the 1982 World Cup. "Oceania is happy (with the playoff with Asia)," he said. "It

Additionally, all FIFA com-

would be altered for the one-The England team arrives on October 19, 1995, and

> plays its final one-day international on January 21 the following year. United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher also announced, in Johannesburg, the itinerary for the South African under -19

> > side tour of the United Kingdom in 1995. The series will consist of three four-day Tests, two-oneday internationals and several

warm-up games.

THE DELIGHTED DUO ... Lipi Akhter of Bangladesh

- Star photo