

Little letdown with Lara!

BIRMINGHAM, England, Apr 17 (Reuters/AP): West Indian batting genius Brian Lara returned to the scene of one of his greatest feats today — and was dismissed for a duck, reports Reuters.

Batting on the same Edgbaston pitch where four years ago he scored a world record 501 not out and against the same opposition, Durham, Lara lasted just eight deliveries.

Lara, appointed captain of Warwickshire for the new season, was quickly in action as they lost their first wicket without a run on the board.

But the eighth ball he faced from seamer John Wood found the edge and he was caught by wicketkeeper Martin Speight to the jubilation of the Durham players.

It was a far different start to county cricket for Lara than the one he experienced four years ago when he scored six centuries in his first seven county innings.

"People are bound to expect another bumper year like 1994 and you can't do anything about expectations," Lara said after his arrival Thursday. "It's true Durham have been

a good team for me whenever I've played against them and I am looking for something special again but a hundred will do — it doesn't have to be 501." On Friday, he fell far short

of that.

India to host U-17 cricket World Cup

NEW DELHI, Apr 17: India will host the second edition of junior cricket World Cup (under-17) later this year during October-November, reports PTI.

All the nine Test playing nations - Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe and three World Cup qualifiers -Bangladesh, Kenya and Scotland — will participate in the month-long tournament, a School Games Federation of India (SGFI) release said here yesterday.

Three teams would be selected from the countries who are promoting cricket in their respective nations, it added. India won the inaugural

World Cup in 1996 defeating arch rivals Pakistan in the final at Lord's, England.

The preliminary and quarterfinal round matches will be played at Agra, Chandigarh, Cuttack, Delhi, Faridabad, Gwalior, Jaipur, Lucknow and Patna.

Calcutta will host both the semifinals while the final is scheduled to be held in Bombay.

Rajshahi cricket From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 17: Hatem Khan Sporting Club and Lotus Sporting Club won their respective matches of the 3rd round of Hasan Imam & Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at Rajshahi Medical College playground today.

Hatem Khan Sporting moved into semifinals by defeating Diganta Prasari Sangha by 54

Lotus Sporting Club defeated Ankur Sangha by 105 runs.

Robber fans?

QUITO, Apr 17: Barcelona's gate receipts from their Libertadores Cup match against Colo Colo were robbed by a gang of men wearing replica team shirts, a club officials said Thursday, reports Reuters.

"Fifteen men robbed Barcelona's offices in the neighbourhood of Urdesa," an official from the Ecuadorian club told the news agency.

"Six went into the offices and another nine kept watch outside, they were all wearing club shirts," he said. "They took the money while the fans were supporting the team."

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How it all began

When FIFA were founded in 1904, they included in their statutes a clause giving them the sole right to organize a World Championship. It was another 26 years before such a competition came about, and by that time the four British associations, who had been in and out of FIFA twice, were no longer members.



HE Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) was founded on 21 May 1904 in Paris by representatives of seven European countries: France, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Included in the statutes of what was to become the governing body of world football was a clause to the effect that FIFA alone would have the right to organise a world championship.

Soldiers with fixed bayonets guarded all the teams... boatloads of Argentinians crossed the River Plate and were searched for arms.

The idea of a World Cup is as old as the FIFA itself. But it was not until 1930 that it became reality and the tournament has since matured into the symbol of world soccer supremacy. In the 68 years that have followed. both the membership of FIFA and the competition itself have grown in stature. Long-forgot-ten has been the simple idea of a knock-out tournament; the World Cup has become a business operation, with television and sponsorship considerations taking precedence over all other aspects.

Membership gradually increased. Germany joined shortly afterwards; Austria England and Italy the following year. By the end of the First World War, there were 25 countries affiliated including Scotland and Wales, admitted in 1910, and Northern Ireland a year later, plus Argentina, Brazil and Chile as well as the USA from the Americas.

In 1921 Jules Rimet, a

French lawyer, became President of FIFA and the possibility of a World Cup came closer. though it took years of lengthy persuasion on his part to convince others to accept the concept. His efforts were assisted in a practical way by Uruguay coming over from South America to win the Olympic Games football tournaments in Europe in 1924 and 1928. In May 1929 it was agreed that a World Cup competition would be held the

following year. FIFA's membership then stood at 41, though England. Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland had left the organisation for a second time and were ineligible for the inaugural competition. The four had originally withdrawn after refusing to be associated with either Austria, Germany or Hungary (members of the axis nations in the First World War) and they quit for a second time over broken time-payments to amateurs.

Although there had not been universal approval among the members, FIFA's meeting in 1926 had brought a strong plea from Henri Delaunay, secretary of the French Federation, that

since the players would be away from home for at least two months, travelling to and from the venue by boat. Had it not been for the intervention of Rimet himself, France would not have entered, and neither would Belgium but for their FIFA representative Rudolphe Seeldrayers. Rumania and Yugoslavia were the only other European acceptors. King Carol of Rumania actually picked his team and succeeded in obtaining time off work for the players who were chosen to undertake the journey.

All four European teams travelled together and South America dominated the overall entry. Uruguay had also guaranteed a new ground and work on the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo was started in February. It remained unfinished at the beginning of the tournament on 13 July, despite day and night construction, because of intermittent heavy rain. Opening matches were played either at the Pocitos or Parque Central stadia until the main stadium was available.

The trophy which was presented to the winners of the World Cup was a gold cup de-



Jules Rimet, the man who gave his name to the first World Cup trophy. A Frenchman, he was president of FIFA from 1921 to 1954. - Star file photo

an international football tournament at the highest level could no longer be confined to the Olympics because of professionalism. At the 1928 Congress however, the proposals put forward by Delaunay were carried with over 80 percent of the members in favour of the project.

Six countries — Italy, Holland, Hungary, Sweden, Spain and Uruguay - applied to stage the finals. But Sweden had even voted against the ideal Uruguay was the obvious choice. The had proved their playing ability with two Olympic gold medals, the country was celebrating its independence centenary in 1930 and they promised to underwrite the costs of the competing countries.

It was only then that enthusiasm began to wane. Few European countries could afford to send a team to South America.

signed by Abel Lafleur, a French Sculptor; appropriately it was named after Jules Rimet himself. After Brazil's three successes in 1958, 1962 and 1970 they were allowed to retain it. It was replaced by the FIFA World Cup, designed by the Italian sculptor Silvio Gazamiga, made of solid gold 36 cm high and insured for £1.8 million. It would be naive to pretend

that the finalists represent all of the most outstanding of contemporary teams. The system does not allow for this eventuality. Indeed it would be difficult to conceive of a tournament on a world-wide scale that could improve on the member nations. But it remains the game's pinnacle and a target for all the

Countries to aim at.
URUGUAY 1930 The original idea to stage a knock-out tournament was dropped because of the low



Nasazzi (Uruguay), left, and Ferreyra (Argentina) toss up before the 1930 final.

- Star file photo

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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.

number of entrants, and the 13 countries were divided into four groups, the winners of each to qualify for the semi-finals. The Uruguayan hosts provided armed guards - soldiers with fixed bayonets - for all the teams. Although the four European teams were given a huge wel-come when they arrived in Montevideo, they were by no means the cream of European football, and none of them was seeded. The four seeds were Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and, surprisingly, the United States.

There were no drawn matches in the qualifying groups, each semi-finalist coming through with a 100 per cent record. The first ever World Cup match took place on 13 July, France beating Mexico 4-1 despite losing their keeper after 10 minutes with a kick on the jaw. This was the group of four countries, and the organization was such that France had to ap-

pear again two days later to play Argentina. In the meantime, Belgium had gone down 3-0 to the United Acosta. States, a team, nicknamed the "shot-putters" by the French. that included five former Scottish professionals, and also an Englishman. But the other European entries. Yugoslavia and

South American teams. - Source: Guinness Book & The

Romania, had victories over

SA beat Pakistan

CENTURION, South Africa, Apr 17 (Reuters/AFP): South Africa beat Pakistan by seven wickets in their triangular series one-day international at Centurion Park today.

Pakistan earlier won the toss and decided to bat first. Both sides were plagued by

injuries. Waqar Younis was not considered for Pakistan, while Shaun Pollock (groin) and Roger Telemachus (achilles tendon) were ruled out in the South African camp.

SCOREBOARD Scorecards of the Standard Bank triangular limited-over international series match be-

tween South Africa and Pak-

istan in Centurion Friday: PAKISTAN Anwar c Rhodes b Klusener Mahmood c Cullinan b Klusener 20 M Wasim c Crokes b Donald liaz b Elworthy Inzamam run out Moin c Cronje b Elworthy Akram b Rindel Hussain run out Latif not out Razzak b Elworthy Mushtag run out

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Total: (For 3 wkts in 35.3 overs) 149 Fall of wkts: 1-1; 2-65; 3-116. OMR Bowling: Akram Hussain Mahmood 19 Mushtag 31 2.3 13 Razzag

Result: South Africa won by seven wickets. Player-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis (South Africa).

Troussier going too far

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 17: South Africa coach Philippe Troussier told a newspaper here today that star striker Benni McCarthy may be left out of the World Cup squad, reports AFP. The controversial French-

man said he was interested only in those who were playing firstteam football and in top form regularly.

"McCarthy is not playing regularly for Dutch club Ajax Amsterdam and has played only a handful of games for South Africa," Troussier told the Johannesburg Star.

McCarthy, 20, burst into the limelight during the African Nations' Cup in Burkina Faso two months ago when his seven goals helped South Africa finish second behind Egypt.

le mistake!

LONDON, Apr 17 (AFP): The ententte cordiale between Britain and France has been strained by a faux pas that may have football fans losing their sang froid, it was reported to-

An official French government publication on this summer's World Cup has committed the sin of failing to recognise Britain's 1966 victory in the competition, a report in the Times of London said.

While Brazil's 15 appearances and four wins are listed alongside Germany and Italy's three victories apiece and Argentina's two the entry for England in the magazine Lable France reads starkly England nine appearances."

A spokes woman for the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs told the paper that the omission was a simple error and promised "it will be corrected in the next issue without excuse, it was nothing personal assure you.

The Football Association accepted the mistake as an oversight and even Geoff Hurst - who scored a record breaking hattrick in the 1966 final against West Germany said, "It was a simple administrative er-

Ivan the detective

SANTIAGO, Chile, Apr 17: Striker Ivan Zamorano will miss Chile's World Cup warmup match against Colombia next week, but he will still be helping the team - as a "spy", reports AP. Chile will play Colombia on

April 22, but Zamorano will stay in Italy where he plays for Internazionale of Milan. That same day, Italy, Chile's first opponent in the World Cup will be playing Paraguay in an-

Italian city of Parma. Zamorano wrote in his weekly column in the Santiago daily El Mercurio that he will attend that match along with Gustavo Huerta, an aide for Chile's head coach Nelson

other warm-up match in the

Both will later report to Acosta on the match, Zamorano wrote, adding: "Most probably we will not find many surprises, but I think we will be able to learn what (Italian coach) Cesare Maldini thinks about the big doubt he still has about the lineup for the world Daily Telegraph Football | Cup - who will make up the Chronicle | pair in the attack of the team."

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES



UNDATED, Apr 17: (AP/ AFP): Paraguayan national keeper Jose Chilavert is getting rave reviews, and his performance Tuesday night only France. further entrenched his reputation.

Chilavert scored on a free kick in the 28th minute and blocked a penalty kick in the second half to lead Velez Sarsfield over Gimnasia de Jujuy 2-0 and keep them atop the Argentine league standings.

"My dream is to score a goal in the World Cup," Chilavert said after Tuesday's game. The performance was so re-

markable, local papers gave him a rating of 10 on a scale of 1-10. "Chilavert will arrive even

larger to the Cup," said Cronica,

one of the local papers. Headlines in other local papers read: "Chilavert, the great player" "Hero again", and "Velez lead by Chilavert". Chilavert has lead Velez

dores title and an Intercontinental Cup. Playing for Velez, Chilavert has scored 27 goals, all on penalties or free kicks.

Sarsfied to three league cham-

pionships plus a Copa Liberta-

He is expected to return to Paraguay's national team for a April 22 World Cup tune-up match against Italy.

FOUR CHANGES ON AUSTRIAN SQUAD

Austrian coach Herbert Prohaska on Thursday named an 18-man squad for next week's World Cup tuneup against the United States, making four changes from the team that lost to Hungary last month.

The Austrians were stunned 3-2 by non-qualifier Hungary at home and will be looking for redemption against the United States Wednesday at the Happel stadium in Vienna. Among the four dropped

players were libero Wolfgang Feiersinger and midfielder Heimo Pfeisenberger, both of whom play in the German Bundesliga. Both are suffering from back

problems.

Feiersinger, of Borussia Dortmund, is virtually sure to be in the Austrian squad for this summer's World Cup in

The two players who could replace Feiersinger are Martin Hiden of Leeds United, who made his international debut against Hungary, and Walter

Kogler of Cannes. Pfeifenberger, of Werder Bremen, has been battling back and knee problems for a long time and will not be in the squad if he is not fit my mid-

May, Prohaska said. ACOSTA'S NEW FACES

Head coach Nelson Acosta on Tuesday included three new faces as he summoned the Chilean soccer squad for World Cup warmup matches in Santiago against Colombia April 22 and Lithuania one week later.

Veteran full-back Miguel Ramirez was included by Acosta after a month-long absence. Newcomers in the list are defender Marcelos Aras and striker Hector Tapia.

AIME TURNS TO 3 VETERANS

France coach Aime Jacquet recalled Bayern Munich fullback Bixente Lizarazu, out for a year with injury, and Arsenal pair Patrick Vieira and Nicolas Anelka for a World Cup warmup match away to Sweden on April 22.

West Ham's Bernard Lama, who also missed a year of international duty after a ban for smoking cannabis, is set to start the match after being named as one of only two goal-

Lama's last game for France was against Holland in February, 1997, when he was still playing for Paris St Germain. Monaco's Fabien Barthez.

who stepped into the breach when Lama was suspended, has been rested. Chelsea's Franck Leboeuf and Milan's Marcel Desailly are

replaced by Sampdoria's Pierre

Laigle and Monaco's Martin

GASCOIGNE HAS TO PROVE FITNESS

England coach Glenn Hoddle has told Paul Gascoigne that his place in England World Cup finals squad is secure - but only

once he has proved his fitness. Hoddle insisted that he had never had any doubts about the midfielder's abilities to play the pivotal midfield role despite recent doubts raised by the Mid-

dlesbrough star's critics.

BULGARIAN TEAM FOR MOROCCO

Bulgarian coach Hristo Bonev on Thursday named his team for next week's friendly with Morocco, making several changes to a side that lost last month to Macedonia.

Among the dropped players were Trifon Ivanov and forward Emil Kostadinov, both of whom returned this season to their native club CSKA Sofia. Peter Hubchev, who plays for Eintracht Frankfurt, will replace Ivanov on defense.

In three friendlies, Bulgaria have drawn with a selection from the Spanish province of Catalunya and lost 2-0 to Argentina and 1-0 to Macedonia. The squad — goalkeepers:

Zdravko Zdravkov, Radostin Stanev. Defenders: Radostin Kishi-

shev, Ivailo Petkov, Zahari

Sirakov, Petar Hubchev, Adalbert Zafirov, Anatoli Nankov. Midfielders: Ivailo Yordanov. Zlatko Yankov, Krasimir Balakov, Svetoslav Todorov, llian Iliev.

Forwards: Hristo Stoichkov. Lyuboslav Penev, Ilia Gruev, Marian Hristov, Hristo Yovov, Stoycho Stoilov, Georgi Ivanov.

Khulna v'ball

KHULNA, Apr 17: Two matches were played in the First Division volleyball league at the Khulna Stadium today, reports BSS. Winners' Club defeated Chal-

lengers' Club 15-9, 15-10 and Young Fighters defeated Eden Juba Sangha 15-3, 15-8.



Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June

10 to July 12, 1998 B. There will be nine rounds of competition. C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes

from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per D. Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.

E. For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages. F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.

G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity. H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

Prizes for Round Two

Prize	Nos.	Item .
1st	One	Philips CD Mini System
2nd	One	Sanyo Twin-Tub Washing Machine
3rd	One	Philips Rice Cooker
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

Rules

Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed

in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines. Participants are to put a tick (,) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.

A person may send numerous entries. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2."

Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205.

12. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any 13. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct

entries drawn out from the box. 14. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may by issued by

The Daily Star. 15. Any decision of The Daily Star in the conduct of the Quiz competition/s including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any

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Ends April 29, 1998 The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Two Tick (✓) the correct answers Ireland Iraq ____ 1. For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify? Iran ____ Rome Paris ____ London 2. The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at Pele ___ Zico ___ Romario ____ 3. Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"? Brazil ____ England ____ Holland ____ 4. 1974 champs Germany played Final against 5. Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup? Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) Age Age

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Buily Star.

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