



McMillan to tour England

CAPE TOWN, Apr 24: All-rounder Brian McMillan won a surprise recall in the South African cricket team announced here today to play a five-test series in England this year, reports AFP.

McMillan 34, was dropped after disappointing tours of Pakistan and Australia this season and his international career seemed at an end.

"Mac had a rough season but is a good player and South Africans still have a vulnerability factor in our batting," convenor of selectors Peter Pollock said.

"He has a good record in England and we've picked him mainly as a batsman and a slip fliker."

The squad includes one uncapped player in Eastern Province fast bowler Mornantau Hayward. Six fast bowlers were chosen including the black bowler from Border Makhaya Ntini and the mixed-race swing bowler Roger Telemachus from Boland.

The team will leave on May 9 and start the tour with a three-day match against Worcestershire in Worcester on May 14.

SQUAD

Hansie Cronje (captain), Gary Kirsten (vice-captain), Adam Bacher, Gerhardus Liebenberg, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Brian McMillan, Jonty Rhodes, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Allan Donald, Lance Klusener, Roger Telemachus, Makhaya Ntini, Mornantau Hayward, Pat Symcox and Paul Adams.

Manager: S K Reddy. Coach: Bob Woolmer. Assistant coach: Corrie van Zyl.

Chang reaches last eight

ORLANDO, Florida, Apr 24: Defending champion Michael Chang overcame stubborn Franco Squillari 7-6, 6-4 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the US men's clay court Championships, reports AP.

The top-seeded Chang had to battle for nearly two hours to subdue the 22-year-old Squillari. Squillari overcame an early service break to force the first set tiebreaker, then fought off six match points before sending a forehand wide on the seventh.

"I've lost matches before where I've had match points," Chang said, "so I never feel like it's over until I've actually closed it out."

For the second straight match Chang's composure during a key tiebreaker was the difference in a tight match against a lesser-ranked opponent.

On Tuesday, Chang was pushed to the limit by Paraguayan Ramon Delgado, ranked 104th, before Delgado fell apart in the third set tiebreaker, allowing Chang to escape 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

Harbhajan, Ponting fined

SHARJAH, Apr 24: Australian batsman Ricky Ponting and Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh were fined after an ugly confrontation in their three nation one-day tournament match on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Pakistani match referee Talat Ali, who conducted a hearing after the game fined Ponting 20 per cent of his match fee while Singh was fined 50 per cent of his fee and given a suspended ban until the end of next month.

The incident happened in the 14th over when Ponting was stumped off 17-year-old Harbhajan who verbally abused the Tasmanian before signalling that he should return to the dressing room immediately.

Ponting charged towards the spinner and side-butted him before walking back to the pavilion.

Brazil 1950 World Cup England left humiliated

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Brazil, the hosts and England who were newcomers to the World Cup, were joint favourites to win the 1950 tournament. Brazil fell at the last hurdle and the whole nation mourned. England, the traditional home of football and feared for so long by the rest of the world, did not make the final pool. They met with an accident on way and the headlines read: England 0 United States 1. It was England's first world cup.

The clouds of war that engulfed the whole of Europe, Asia and North Africa in 1939 cleared during the end of 1945. The suspended activities of FIFA started in full swing and the World Cup competitions were designed to be started again in 1950.

The field became very limited with only 31 original entries for the first post-war World Cup. A spate of withdrawals left the organisers with only 13 finalists.

As holders Italy qualified automatically but West Germany under the Allied forces were not yet a member of FIFA. The home countries were allotted two places in the finals with the international championships as their qualifying group but Scotland refused to play as mere runners-up to Eng-

land against Spain. England's World Cup debut against a "makeweight" Chile in the unfinished Maracana stadium in Rio was unimpressive but they came out with goals from Mortensen and Mannion.

Meanwhile the United States were giving Spain the fright of their lives holding on to a slender 1-0 lead at halftime until Spain hit three face-saving goals in the last 10 minutes.

England should have thrashed this team of part-timers captained by one Eddie McIlvenny, a Glasgow-born half-back. But even with a line up that included Billy Wright, Alf Ramsey and Tom Finney the expected flood of goals did not materialise. On a bumpy pitch at Belo Horizonte in front of only 10,000 spectators England struck the woodwork four

times. Instead the Americans defended valiantly and scored in the 37th minute when Haitian-born Larry Gaetjens beat Bert Williams to a cross deflecting it with his head passed the astonished keeper. The impossible, the unthinkable had happened.

England lost their last match of the pool against Spain (0-1) despite drafting Stanley Matthews on the right switching Finney to the left and Milburn and Baily for Bentley and Mannion. And Spain joined Uruguay, Olympic champions Sweden and Brazil in the final pool.

For Brazil to lose was unthinkable. Their overwhelming display against Sweden and Spain had given them an aura of invincibility in the eyes of their followers. Brazil's team manager Flavio Costa was wary, however, knowing Uruguay's propensity over the years for upsetting Brazil.

A world record crowd of 200,000 squeezed into the still unfinished Maracana stadium on the big day. The brilliant Brazilians carved their way into the Uruguayan defence right from the start but somehow the former champions managed to frustrate their opponents' attempts.

After a barren 45 minutes the Uruguayans buckled two minutes into the second session as Brazil's right-winger Friaca came flying in to crack the ball first time into the net. Brazil fans thought the floodgates would open. But Uruguay had shown signs of aggression and Varela looked menacing. Brazil's instinct was to attack because Uruguay needed two goals to win.



Gaetjens glances the ball past Williams to the horror of all England.

— Star file photo land and withdrew. Yugoslavia qualified at the expense of France who were given a reprieve when Turkey withdrew but backed out when they heard their travel programme. Sweden eliminated the Republic of Ireland.

The four South American places were decided without a match being played because of withdrawals including Argentina from the qualifying groups.

India's only chance of playing in the World Cup finals (so far) was sadly wasted when FIFA informed that they would not be allowed to play barefooted.

Late withdrawal by Turkey left a lop-sided tournament.

A new system was used in the finals. The countries were divided into four groups of four, with winners of each group to go into a final pool where they would play each other.

The winners of this pool would be the world champions. In fact this was robin league system, each team would have to play three matches and the one winning the highest points would be the champions.

Brazil, England, Italy and Uruguay were seeded. But because of the lateness of the withdrawals the groups could not be rearranged, so there was one group of three and one of two countries. In the latter Uruguay beat Bolivia 8-0, so they were in the final pool without having to play any qualifying games and having had only one match in the finals.

The group that made the headlines was England's (group-2). England did not foresee any problem until their last match

Friendly against Argentina

Zagallo picks strong squad

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 24 (AFP/Internet): Brazil coach Mario Zagallo revealed here on Wednesday a 22-strong squad for the friendly match against Argentina on April 29.

There were no surprise selections for Brazil's last friendly match before travelling to France on May 21. Once in Europe, Brazil has planned a match against Spanish club Athletic Bilbao.

Zagallo has also let it be known that he will only make one or two changes from the final World Cup squad which will be revealed on May 5.

TEAM

Keepers: Taffarel (Atletico Mineiro), Carlos Germano (Vasco da Gama).

Defenders: Cafu (Roma/Ita), Ze Carlos (Sao Paulo), Marcelo (Botafogo), Junior Baiano and Ze Roberto (Flamengo), Cleber Americo da Conceicao (Flamengo), Aldair (Roma), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid).

Midfielders: Ze Elias (Inter Milan), Doriva (Porto), Rai (Paris St-Germain), Carlos Casar Sampaio (Ana Sato Kogyo/Japan), Leonardo (AC Milan), Rivaldo (Barcelona), Flavio da Conceicao (Deportivo La Coruna), Denilson (Sao Paulo).

Strikers: Ronaldo (Inter Milan), Edmundo (Fiorentina), Romario (Flamengo), Bebeto (Botafogo).

FINAL SCORE

Group 1									
Brazil	4	Mexico	0						
Yugoslavia	3	Switzerland	2						
Brazil	2	Switzerland	2						
Yugoslavia	4	Mexico	1						
Brazil	2	Yugoslavia	0						
Switzerland	2	Mexico	1						

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brazil	3	2	1	0	8	2
Yugoslavia	3	2	0	1	7	3
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	4	6
Mexico	3	0	0	3	2	10

Group 2									
England	2	Chile	0						
Spain	3	United States	1						
Spain	1	England	0						
United States	1	England	0						
Spain	1	England	0						
Chile	5	United States	2						

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Spain	3	3	0	0	6	1
England	3	1	0	2	2	2
Chile	3	1	0	2	5	6
USA	3	1	0	2	4	6

Group 3									
Sweden	3	Italy	2						
Sweden	2	Paraguay	2						
Italy	2	Paraguay	0						

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sweden	2	1	1	0	5	4
Italy	2	1	0	1	4	3
Paraguay	2	0	1	1	2	4

Group 4									
Uruguay	8	Bolivia	0						

Final Pool									
Brazil	7	Sweden	1						
Uruguay	2	Spain	2						
Brazil	6	Spain	1						
Uruguay	3	Sweden	2						
Sweden	3	Spain	1						
Uruguay	2	Brazil	1						

Deciding match: Maracana Stadium, Rio, 16 July 1950. Attendance 199,854

Uruguay: Maspok, Gonzales M, Tejera, Giambetta, Varela, Andrade, Ghiggia, Perez, Miguez, Schiaffino, Moran.

Scorers: Schiaffino, Ghiggia. Brazil: Barbosa, Aogvite, Juvelin, Scluler, Danilo, Bogode, Frasca, Zignho, Ademir, Jar, Chico (Scorer: Friaca)

Leading scorers: 9 Ademir (Brazil), 5 Schiaffino (Uruguay), Besora (Spain)

incursion and laid on chance that Giggia took with relish. Uruguay held out for the remaining 10 minutes to regain the trophy and the title.

Source: Football Chronicle and the World Cup

Ince's sigh of relief

LONDON, Apr 24 (AFP/Internet): England star Paul Ince claimed Thursday he is lucky not to have a broken jaw after being punched in the face as he left Wembley after Wednesday's 3-0 win over Portugal. The Football Association (FA) have announced they will be reviewing security at the stadium following the incident, after which a man — believed to be a West Ham fan — was arrested. Liverpool and former West Ham star Ince was with his wife Claire and club-mate Steve McManaman when he was struck. He said today, "It was nearly midnight when I left Wembley. Steve McManaman and I were trying to do some fans a favour by stopping to sign a few autographs."

"One fan asked me if they could have their picture taken with me, and I was happy to do that. While I was posing for the picture, someone punched me in the mouth. The security people moved in very quickly and arrested a man," he added: "In a way, I was lucky. If the punch had landed on my jaw it would have broken it. I got away with a sore lip. The fact that my wife Claire was with me at the time meant it was not very nice at all. I am treating this as an isolated incident—anyone can hit somebody and then run off like a coward."

The FA have been told the fan was a West Ham supporter — Ince has been deeply unpopular at the east London club ever since his controversial departure to Manchester United, even though that was 10 years ago. A 33-year-old man from Chelmsford in Essex was arrested and questioned by police following the incident. He was later released on police bail until May 7.

— AP/UNB photo

friendly ties between WBA, WBC

MEXICO CITY, Apr 24: The World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council have agreed to closer ties that would put both organisations under the same rules and in time create only one champion in each weight category, a WBC official said Thursday, reports AP.

The sanctioning groups — which along with the International Boxing Federation are the most widely recognised in the world — still will need to persuade promoters to accept the deal, said Eduardo Lamazon, executive secretary of the WBC.

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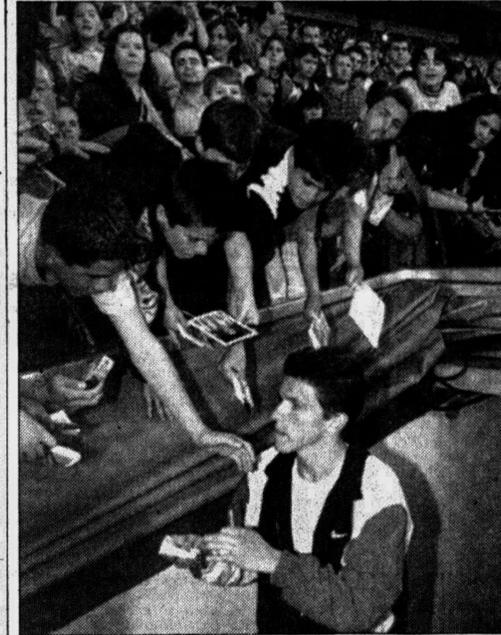
Rajshahi v'ball

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Apr 24: Bright Star Club and City Club were off to flying starts as the First Division volleyball league began here at the local stadium today.

In the inaugural match Bright Star Club posted a 15-0, 15-1, 15-3 win over Colony Club while City Club won the day's other match defeating Modern Boxing Club by 15-13, 15-3, 15-9.

Tomorrow's matches: Nabarun Sangha take on Green Star Club while Ambagan Club meet Bandhan Krira Chakra.



WELCOME BACK JUNINHO: Atletico Madrid's Brazilian playmaker Juninho, whose future was in doubt after serious injury being mobbed by autograph hunters on his return to the football pitch during Atletico's match against Celta Vigo in the Spanish First Division in Madrid on April 23.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Apr 24 (AP): Gabriel Batistuta wants to make up for World Cup '94 and be top scorer in '98. Frustrated that Argentina went out in the second round after losing to Romania in the United States, he wants the team to get it right in France.

"My big ambition is to be the top scorer there," the striker said Thursday after helping Argentina to a comfortable 2-0 victory over Ireland at Dublin's Lansdowne Road.

"I had the same hope in the United States four years ago but we went out of the tournament too early."

"Now I think we have a better chance this time," the Fiorentina striker said. "We will start with Japan and Jamaica in our group and once those are out of the way I think we will become one of the main forces."

ROMARIO IN BIRTHDAY SUIT!

The Brazilian soccer star, who guided his nation to a record fourth World Cup title four years ago, has shed his shirt and shorts for a TV ad in Japan.

Sumitomo Rubber Industries chose Romario with the World Cup in mind to boost its international image. Last year, the ad featured Dennis Rodman of the Chicago Bulls, bouncing a tire.

In this year's ad, which is only being shown in Japan, Romario turns from a skeleton into a running figure that briefly appears nude.

Romario, who was paid 100 million yen (770,000 dollars) for the ad, actually wore swimming trunks for the shooting, said company spokesman Hiroshi Watanabe.

Japan's quasi-public NHK-TV has members of the Japanese national team on posters advertising its World Cup programming — forward Masashi Nakayama and defenders Yutaka Akita and Naoki Soma.

REYNA NOW THE KEY MAN

The American midfielder used to be Tab Ramos' domain. Now it seemingly belongs to Claudio Reyna. And Ramos, recovering from the same torn knee ligation in less than 18 months, sees that as a help to his game.

"This has been something that has been talked about since Claudio came on to the national team, whether I could play in the same lineup with Claudio," Ramos said Thursday via a new teleconference. "I think Claudio and I are totally different. I like to have the ball in the final third of the field, get crosses in, take someone on, make things happen."

"It helps me tremendously to have Claudio playing at the level he is right now."

ALL NOT LOST YET FOR JAMIE

Don't rule Jamie Redknapp out of the World Cup. After the young Liverpool star injured his knee in a collision with Coventry's Dion Dublin in a league game last weekend, England coach Glenn Hoddle believed Redknapp would miss the rest of the season and be unavailable for the June 10-July 12 World Cup.

A LIFELINE FOR BERGOMI

Giuseppe Bergomi, a member of Italy's 1982 champions but away from the side since 1991, could be a surprise roster addition for the World Cup. Italian newspapers reported Thursday.

With central back Ciro Ferrara ruled out of the tournament with a broken leg and the Azzurri defense showing signs of weakness, coach Cesare Maldini may opt for the 34-year-old Bergomi as a reserve.

His experience and steady play would help settle a unit that features two starters in their early 20s, Fabio Cannavaro and Alessandro Nesta. Bergomi has spent his entire

18-year Serie A career with Inter Milan and has been having another stellar season, helping the club challenge for the title.

TICKET FRENZY

Seven million callers tried to buy World Cup ticket by telephone on Thursday alone, but only 35,000 tickets have been sold in the two days phone banks have been open, organisers said.

Some 90 operators received five million calls from France on Thursday and two million calls from overseas at the close of the day.

Operators completed sales of 35,000 tickets since Wednesday, the start of the phone sales for France and 17 other European countries, according to a statement by the French Organising Committee.

LITTLE CAMEROON

La Dragonniere, a camping site at Vias in southern France, will resemble an African village in June when it is taken over by 600 Cameroon fans during the World Cup finals.

Vias is close to the city of Beziers where Cameroon, under French coach Claude Le Roy are setting up their World Cup headquarters at the Chateau de Lignan.

The Cameroonians fans have reserved all the beds in the camp site made up of bungalows opposite Beziers airport.

The fans will be bringing their own food and cooking and will do all their own catering in agreement with the site management, and follow World Cup matches on a giant screen specially set up there.

Cameroon will take up residence at Beziers on June 6 after playing warm-up internationals against fellow finalists the Netherlands in Arnhem on May 27, Luxembourg on May 30 and Denmark in Copenhagen on June 5.

They meet Austria in Toulouse, Italy in Montpellier and Chile in Nantes in their first round Group B matches.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98

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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 announcement.

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

1. 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.

2. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.

4. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.

5. A person may send numerous entries.

6. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

7. 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.

8. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

9. 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.

10. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2."

11. 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