

## Sport

## Another Real setback

MADRID, May 5 (Reuters/AP): Real Madrid lost 2-0 at home to Real Zaragoza on Monday night to stay in third place in the Spanish First Division.

Barcelona are already confirmed as champions with 74 points. Athletic Bilbao are in second spot, and currently poised to take the other Champions' League place, with 61 points after their 3-0 win over Oviedo on Sunday.

Real Madrid, last year's champions, have 60 points, just one ahead of both Real Sociedad and Mallorca with only two matches remaining in the season.

Madrid performed poorly throughout the match against lowly Zaragoza. The visitors' first goal came from a penalty by Brazilian Roberto Jamelli in the 57th minute while Argentine Gustavo Lopez slipped in the second in the 80th minute.

Madrid can still earn a place in the continent's top competition, if they defeat Juventus in this year's final, to be played May 20.

The loss was Madrid's third at home this season. The last time they lost to Zaragoza in front of their home fans was 13 years ago.

## WTA rankings

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, May 5 (Reuters): Top 20 women's players, according to the WTA Tour rankings:

Player	Points
1. Martina Hingis	5,805
2. Lindsay Davenport	3,963
3. Jana Novotna	3,939
4. Amanda Coetzer	2,944
5. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	2,711
6. Mary Pierce	2,708
7. Monica Seles	2,644
8. Conchita Martinez	2,487
9. Venus Williams	2,333
10. Irina Spirles	2,217
11. Iva Majoli	2,146
12. Nathalie Tauziat	1,986
13. Sandrine Testud	1,767
14. Dominique van Roost	1,766
15. Patty Schnyder	1,726
16. Anke Huber	1,719
17. Anna Kournikova	1,621
18. Lisa Raymond	1,588
19. Ai Sugiyama	1,468
20. Natasha Zvereva	1,383

## Zico to assist Zagallo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 5: The president of the Brazilian Soccer Confederation on Wednesday named former-all star Zico as team supervisor to help coach Mario Zagallo prepare for next summer's World Cup in France, reports AP.

Ricardo Teixeira's announced Monday that he would appoint and assist to Zagallo in the wake of Brazil's disastrous showing at the Gold Cup.

Zico who made his name as a striker with Rio de Janeiro's Fluminense last played in the World Cup in 1986.

Speculation on who Zagallo's assistant would be had centred on coaches of top Rio teams, but the appointment of Zico who has no coaching experience is thought to be less of a threat to Zagallo who had commanded the team alone since 1994.

Zagallo was not immediately available for comment.

The position of team supervisor was one held by Zagallo himself in 1994 when Brazil won an unprecedented fourth World Cup in the United States.

Carlos Alberto Parreira was Brazil's head coach, while Zagallo was supervisor, counselor and guru.

In the recently held CONCACAF Gold Cup Brazil, the defending world champions, struggled to draw with modest Jamaica and Guatemala and lost for the first time to the United States en route to a third-place finish.

## SIX NO TRUMPS

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THE 2 IS A PRECIOUS CARD (Hand # 31)

North	♦ S: Q J 10 9 X
♦ H: AK 3	
♦ D: AX	
♦ C: J X	
West	♦ S: K XXXX
♦ H: J 10 XX	
♦ D: J 10 XX	
♦ C: K XXX	
South (D)	♦ S: A
♦ H: Q J 9 8 7 2	
♦ D: Q X	
♦ C: A XXX	

BIDDING (Neither side vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	6H	Pass
Pass			

South opened his minimum hand with a six-cards Heart, North responded one Spade. With a singleton in Partner's suit, South decided to show his 4-cards Club. North jumps to 3 Hearts as he started smelling slam. South signed off at 4 Hearts but partner ignored this as he went on checking for Aces and on finding two with the partner went on to six Hearts.

## THE PLAY

South was repenting his 4-cards worthless Club bid as this encouraged his partner to bid six. West opened the J of Diamonds, the declarer thought for while and then saw a ray of hope of making the slam if the Spade suit behaved well and if the Heart holding by opponents were not 4-0. He therefore went up with the Ace of Diamond, led a small Spade from dummy. After winning the Ace of Spade, the declarer played the 9 of Spades (carefully preserving the 2) and went up with the Ace. When both the opponents followed, he felt gratified. He now led the Queen of Spades, but, alas, East ruffed! A great disappointment. However, the declarer over ruffed with 8 of Spades. He entered the dummy with the King of Hearts, West discarded a Diamond and East dropped the 10 of Spades. From dummy, the J of Spades was played, declarer discarding his Diamond loser; West won the King, the only trick for the defence. The 3 of Spades provided the vital entry to cash the remaining good Spades for three Club discards.

## Mexico 1970 World Cup

## Brilliant Brazilians

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

**Mexico was the controversial choice to host the 1970 World Cup, and the distressed condition of some of the athletes in the Olympic Games held there two years earlier did nothing to help the Mexican cause. But in the event the finals not only provided thrilling competition and splendid entertainment, but there was little of the negativity and thuggery that blighted football in the sixties. Brazil, with the incomparable Pele, raised the game to new heights and were universally popular winners.**

**A** record 71 countries entered the 1970 World Cup but none had more eventful passage to Mexico than El Salvador from the Concacaf Zone. They played 10 games before qualifying, and one win over the neighbouring Honduras sparked off a two-week war between the mutually antagonistic countries. By contrast, Brazil qualified effort-

lessly from evermore for one Banks save from Pele. Brazil won all their three games in group 3.

A rash of yellow cards in the opening goalless draw between Mexico and the USSR set the pattern for improved behaviour and the tournament did not produce one dismissal. These two teams progressed to the quarter-finals as did Italy and

header to force extra time. With the Germans once more underestimated but on top, it was Gerd Muller who stole in to hook the winner from close range. Ramsey's always cautious approach had brought his downfall.

The Guadalajara meeting between Brazil and Peru produced another fast, entertaining fare, Brazil winning 4-2.



Pele (extreme right) powers in a header to put Brazil 1-0 up against Italy in the 1970 final

— Star file photo

lessly from South America winning all six matches and scoring 25 goals (Tostao 9, Pele 6 and Jairzinho 4) to two.

With England exempt as holders, West Germany were the most impressive European qualifiers. Gerd Muller scored 10 of their 20 goals and they mauled Cyprus 12-0 in one game. The Germans conceded only three, all to Scotland, who were eliminated.

Brazil had even had a change of manager after the qualifying stage, Joao Saldanha giving way to Zagallo who had collected two winners' medals as a player. He had to struggle to keep his four-man zonal defence operating the system at all, when they were not giving the ball away. But moving forward, either in swift counter attacks or with breathtaking passing movements, transformed Brazil into a flexible, potent striking force. There was the deceptively languid Gerson controlling the midfield; the explosive deadball shooting of Rivelino; Jairzinho's penetration on the flank and the usefulness of Tostao, forbidden to head the ball because of an operation for a detached retina. Above all there was Pele, restored to full vigour and at the peak of his illustrious career.

England and Brazil were in the same group played out in Guadalajara without the severe altitude problem of Mexico City but with an appalling 98 degrees of torid heat. The class of the two favourites, after they had both won their opening matches, produced a classic encounter won 1-0 by the South Americans but re-

while in Toluca, Italy hit the hosts Mexico with three goals in a 12-minute spell in the second half to win 4-1.

But the real heart-stopping affair was the semi-final between the Italians and the Germans in Mexico City. Roberto Boninsegna scored for Italy after eight minutes and held onto it till the last minute when Schensteller equalised with a volley. Both teams were exhausted and it was a question of which side made more mistakes. Riva restored Italy's lead only for Muller to head the Germans level at 3-3. Equality lasted only two minutes. Gianni Rivera drove in the winner in the 112th minute.

Brazil did not disappoint the millions of television viewers around the world. With arguably the most inventive and attacking force seen in modern times, Brazil knew no other way to play. Pele put his side ahead with a powerful header only to see Felix committing a defensive error that allowed Boninsegna drawing the level.

In the second half with Clodoaldo and Gerson taking control of the midfield, Brazil mounted attack after attack.

The last 20 minutes were sheer magic, a demonstration of the beautiful Brazilian football climaxed by an exhibition goal (4-1).

It was Brazil's World Cup and appropriately as the first three-time winners, Brazil kept the Jules Rimet Trophy, the chances were equal for Italy also.

FINAL SCORE						
Group 1						
Mexico	0	USSR	0			
Belgium	3	El Salvador	1			
USSR	4	Belgium	1			
Mexico	4	El Salvador	0			
USSR	2	El Salvador	0			
Mexico	1	Belgium	0			
	P	W	D	L	F	A
	3	2	1	0	6	1
	USSR	3	2	1	0	5
	Mexico	3	2	1	0	5
	Belgium	3	1	0	2	4
	El Salvador	3	0	3	0	9
Group 2						
Uruguay	2	Israel	0			
Italy	1	Sweden	0			
Italy	0	Uruguay	1			
Israel	1	Sweden	0			
Sweden	1	Uruguay	0			
Israel	0	Italy	0			
	P	W	D	L	F	A
	3	1	2	0	1	3
	Uruguay	3	1	1	2	1
	Sweden	3	1	1	2	2
	Israel	3	0	2	1	3
Group 3						
England	1	Romania	0			
Brazil	4	Czechoslovakia	1			
Romania	2	Czechoslovakia	1			
Brazil	1	England	0			
Brazil	3	Romania	2			
England	1	Czechoslovakia	0			
	P	W	D	L	F	A
	3	3	0	0	8	3
	England	3	2	0	1	2
	Romania	3	1	0	2	4
	Brazil	3	0	0	3	2
Group 4						
Peru	3	Bulgaria	2			
West Germany	2	Morocco	1			
Peru	3	2	0	1	5	4
West Germany	5	Bulgaria	2			
West Germany	3	Peru	1			
Bulgaria	1	Morocco	1			
	P	W	D	L	F	A
	3	3	0	0	10	4
	Peru	3	2	0	1	5
	Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	5
	Peru	3	0	1	2	6
Group 5						
Peru	3	Bulgaria	2			
West Germany	2	Morocco	1			
Peru	3	2	0	1</		