lease of life

BRUSSELS, May 8: Veteran playmaker Enzo Scifo overcame his rift with coach Georges Leekens to win a place Wednesday on the list of 25 players in contention for Belgium's World Cup squad, reports

Scifo, 32, had threatened never to play for Leekens' "Red devils" again after the coach left him off the team for a preparation game against the United States in February.

But after a much-publicised reconciliation, Belgian's bestknown player is back on the squad and in with a chance to go to his fourth World Cup.

PRELIMINARY LIST

Goalkeeper: Filip De Wilde, Philippe Vande Walle, Dany Verlinden.

Defenders: Eric Van Meir, Mike Verstraeten, Bertrand Crasson, Vital Borkelmans, Glen De Boeck, Philippe Leonard, Eric Deflandre, Philippe Clement, Goran Vi-

dovic. Midfielders: Franky Van der Elst, Danny Boffin, Nico Van Kerchkoven, Lorenzo Staelens. Enzo Scifo, Gert Claessens, Gert Verheven.

Forwards: Luc Nilis, Luis Oliveira, Emile Mpenza, Mbo Mpenza, Michael Goossens, Marc Wilmots.

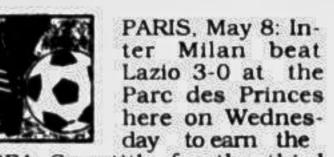
Cameroon's thirty

YAOUNDE, May 8 (AFP): Cameroon coach Claude le Roy Thursday named a 30-man squad ahead of next month's World Cup in France.

The squad must be trimmed to 22 by June 2.

SQUAD Jacques Songo (Deportivo de la Coruna/Spain), William Andem (Salvador), Alioum Boukar (Vansport/Turkey), Bertin Tockene (Charleroi/Belgium). Pensee Billong (Chunma/South Korea). Sam Kwetche (Racing Bafoussam), Raymond Kalla Nkongo (Panahaiki/Greece). Pierre Wome Nlend (Lucchese/Italy), Joseph Ndo (Coton Sport Garoua), Rigobert Song (Metz/France), Marc-Vivien Foe (Lens/France), Alioum Seidou (Coton Sport Garoua), Joseph Elanga (TKC Yaounde), Beaka Djaka (Olympic Mvolye). Jean-Jacques Noudjeu (Bastia/ France), Thierry Modo Abouna (Canon Yaounde), Jean-Jacques Etame (Bastia/France), Joseph-Desire Job (Lyon/France). Alphonose Tchami (Hertha Berlin/Germany), Francois Omam Biyick (Sampdoria/ Italy), Angibeaud Nguidjol (Nice/France), Laurent Etang (Leventes/Spain), Samuel Eto'O Fils (Leganes/Spain) Augustine Simo (St. Etienne/France). Salomon Olembe (Nantes/ France), Marcel Mahouve (Montpellier/France), Samuel Ipoua (Rapid Vienna/Austria), Albert Meyong Ze (Canon Yaounde), Patrick Mboma (Gamba Osaka/Japan), David Embe (Tecos/Mexico).

Scifo's fresh Intermake it in style



here on Wednesday to earn the UEFA Cup title for the third time this decade and wipe away last year's disappointment,

reports AFP. An early goal from Chile's Ivan Zamorano, a superb volley from Argentine Javier Zanetti just after the break and a typical solo goal from Brazilian Ronaldo settled the tittle.

Inter lost on Penalties to Schalke 04 in last year's final, but won the trophy against AS Roma in the all-Italian final in 1991 and SV Salzburg in 1994.

And Inter coach Gigi Simoni was delighted to have buried the memory of last year's failure. "We played really well. We created loads of good chances

and we hit the woodwork twice, so I think the win was well-deserved." Simoni said. Goalscorer Zanetti explained

that "we concentrated hard all the way through so we couldn't lose. We really wanted this Ronaldo almost set the ball

rolling before Zamorano's opener, sending a freekick over the crossbar. He had been fouled by central defender Alessandro Nesta, who was never far from the 30-million-dollar worldplayer-of-the-year during the

Then came Inter's early breakthrough. Zamorano raced on to a long ball out of defence from Argentina's Diego Simone to rifle the ball past Lazio keeper Luca Marchegiani after just five minutes.

It was the second UEFA Cup goal this season for former Sevilla and Real Madrid Striker Zamorano, who scored in the first of the semifinals against Spartak Moscow as well as in last year's final against Schalke.

Inter sweeper Salvatore Fresi, who had come in for hamstring victim and skipper Guiseppe Bergomi, made his presence felt as he brought down Lazio striker Pierluigi

MILAN, May 8:

(AP): A difficult

start often means

glory for Italy's

World Cup team.

If the Azzurri st-

ruggle in the early rounds,

history indicates they could be

barely got through the first

round and had to score late and

then go into extra time to beat

Nigeria in the second round be-

fore playing their way into the

championship match at the

They finished third in 1990

One of the European powers

and a three-time champion,

Italy already have struggled

this year and barely qualified

In 1982 and 1994, Italy

headed back to the final.

Rose Bowl.

at home.

Casiraghi to earn a yellow card from Spanish referee Antonio

Lopex Neto. Lazio kept pressing forward but a well organised Inter defence formed a barrier Lazio could not breach.

Then Nesta earned a yellow card just before Inter added a second in the 60th minute. A cross came over from the right, Zamorano headed the ball back Ronaldo had a great chance to Zanetti who volleyed with

and shoot across the goalline to



safety.

CHAMPION OF THE CHAMPIONS: Inter Milan's brilliant Brazilian Ronaldo lifts the UEFA Cup after their emphatic 3-0 win over Lazio in the final at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on May 6. Ronaldo was declared - AP/UNB photo the player-of-the-match.

penalty area hit the join of the crossbar and Marchegiani's left hand post.

And Ronaldo's French teammate Youri Djorkaeff had a half chance when he headed over after Dutchman Aron Winter had crossed from the right. And Lazio nearly had a goal

of their own when Diego Fuser fired the ball across the face of goal just before the break. Matias Almeyda came on for Giorgio Venturin in central midfield just after the interval

but it did Lazio little good. Inter should have added a second when Zamorano saw a left-foot shot hit the inside of Marchegiani's righthand post

Italy's cautious creativity

for the World Cup, edging Russia

2-1 on aggregate in a two-leg

the early stages of the competi-

tion," said veteran defender and

BAGGIO

captain Paolo Maldini, who

plays for AC Milan and is the

son of coach Cesare Maldini.

"However, we may have over-

come the most difficult period.

We are looking forward to re-

peating the deeds of the previous

under-21 team to three consec-

utive European titles between

1992 and 1996, is a conserva-

tive coach and a declared sup-

porter of the long-successful

Îtalian-style tactic - tight de-

fence, strong midfield and fast

It paid off against such pow-

Cesare who led the Italian

editions."

counter-attacks.

"We are used to suffering in

playoff.

the top left hand corner of Marchegiani's goal.

And then Ronaldo added a third in the 71st minute, when, looking suspiciously offside, he raced through and guided the ball past Marchegiani before slotting the ball into an empty

Ronaldo, whose penalty won the European Cup Winners Cup final for Barcelona last season, has now scored 31 goals in 45 matches for Inter, of which six have been in the UEFA Cup.

The Brazilian wizard, who was declared player-of-thematch, gave away the cash reward to a charity.

erful, aggressive teams as Eng-land, which Italy beat and drew

with in qualifying but still

earned their World Cup berth as

did not work against lightly

regarded defensive teams such

as Poland and Georgia, which

held the favoured Italians to

tors have suggested an offen-

sive-minded team, a squad

more reflective of the more ag-

portant role in the Italian clubs

success in the Cups. It does not

mean supremacy of Italian soc-

cer in Europe," Maldini noted

gressive play by Italian clubs.

Several Italian commenta-

"Foreign stars played an im-

Maldini also has been con-

sidering the possibility of a

last-minute call of 1994 World

Cup hero Roberto Baggio to give

the team additional offensive

Baggio, who has been nagged by injuries since 1994, still tal-

lied 18 goals with unheralded

22-man roster for France on

Maldini is likely to disappoint

and upset millions of Italians.

who consider their selections

have to do without defender

Ciro Ferrara of Juventus, who

is recovering from a broken leg.

and likely will cut several of his

Brazilian team has far more

advantages than any other of

the countries going to the World

Cup because it has so many tal-

ented players and a coach who

has so much experience to deal

thinks we will reach the final. I

KANU SPEAKS

HIS MIND

on the Inter Milan lineup, Mi-

geria's Olympic star Nwankwo

Kanu says he's eager for a move

the UEFA Cup on Wednesday.

want to keep the lanky 21-year-

old forward, Kanu is frustrated

that he spends so much time on

to English champion Arsenal.

Unable to get a regular place

Although Inter, winners of

only hope he's right."

"I'm very flattered that he

Maldini is to announce his

Whatever his choices are,

Undoubtedly, Maldini will

Bologna this season.

Italy's overly cautious tactics

the group winners.

draws.

depth.

May 22.

better than his.

plethora of forwards.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

with them.

Greats over a hundred

Balboa and Tab Ramos of the United States were among 11 players picked Thursday as soccer's team of the century from

can region, reports AP. Soccer writers from around the world participated in the voting sponsored by Master-Card included were 130 from Europe. 105 from South America, who voted on only their regions, and select panels for the

An international panel of writers will choose the world team of the century, which will be announced in Paris on July 9, three days before the World Cup panel.

North and Central America and Caribbean: Antonio Carbajal (Mexico): Marcelo Balboa (United States): Gilberto Yearwood (Honduras); Bruce Wilson (Canada); Gustavo Pena (Mexico): Ramon Ramirez (Mexico), Jorge Gonzalez (El Salvador), Tab Ramobs (United States): Julio Cesar Dely Valdes (Panama), Hugo Sanchez (Mexico),

Europe: Lev Yashin (Soviet Union); Franz Beckenbauer (Germany), Bobby Moore (England). Paolo Maldini (Italy), Franco Baresi (Italy); Johan Cruyff (Netherlands) Michel Platini (France), Bobby Charlton (England): Eusebio (Portugal), Ference Puskas (Hungary). Marco Van Basten (Netherlands).

South America: Ubaldo Fillol (Argentina); Daniel Passarella (Argentina), Nilton Santos (Brazil). Elias Figueros (Chile), Carlos Alberto (Brazil); Alfredo Di Stefano (Argentina, Rivelino (Brazil), Didi (Brazil); Pele (Brazil, Diego Maradona (Argentina), Garrincha (Brazil).

Africa: Thomas N'kono (Cameroon); Ali Shehata (Egypt). Ibrahim Youssel (Egypt). Emmanuel Kunde (Cameroon) Illunga Mewpu (Zaire); Segun Odegbami (Nigeria), Theophile Abega (Cameroon), Abedi Pele (Ghana): Laurent Pokou (Ivory Coast). Roger Milla (Cameroon). Rabah Madjer (Algeria).

Asia-Oceania: Chow Chee

Euro-based stars galore in SA squad

The 28 players named Friday will later be trimmed to the 22member squad that will represent South Africa at their first World Cup.

Seventeen of the 28 play in Europe, and most are considered part of the nucleus that new coach Philippe Troussier will rely on when South Africa meets host France, Denmark and Saudi Arabia in Pool C of the opening round.

South Africa will begin their final stage of training on May 15 and play Zambia in Johannesburg on May 20. The team then travels to Buenos Aires to take on Argentina on May 25, and proceeds to Stuttgart, Germany, for a training camp leading up to a June 6 match against

years NEW YORK, May 8: Marcelo

the North and Central Ameri-

other confederation teams.

TEAMS

Hernan Medford (Costa Rica).

Keong (Malaysia); Kim Ho Kon (South Korea), Nasami Ihara (Japan). Soh Chi Aum (Malaysia): Chen Chi Doi (Taiwan), Karim Bagheri (Iran), Kim Joo Sang (South Korea); Majeed Abdullah (Saudi Arabia). Kunishige Kamamoto (Japan), Khodadad Azizi (Iran), Cha Bum Kun (South Korea).

JOHANNESBURG, May 8: A preliminary World Cup squad loaded with players from European clubs will take on Zambia. Argentina and Romania in exhibition matches, South African soccer officials announced Friday, reports AP.

Romania.

The dangerous outsiders



(Reuters): Croatia's coach Miroslav Blazevic had predicted a France-Croatia final at

this summer's World Cup. That is a little optimistic for a country taking part in the competition for the first time ever, but there is little doubt that the Croatians have a highly talented squad capable of shocking a few of the more established powers.

In fact the World Cup finals in France may well be the last chance for a highly gifted generation of Croatian players to stamp their mark on the international soccer stage.

These players who make up the core of a team that has managed to qualify for the finals at the first attempt are around 30 now and may no longer be gracing the world stage in four years time. Although Blazevic has tried

to rejuvenate his side, especially at the back there will be a huge gap to fill when players like captain Zvonmir Boban, striker Davor Suker and midfield master Robert Prosinecki retire.

Three other key members of the defence that reached the quarter-finals of the 1996 European Championship, Robert Jarni, Slaven Bilic and Igor Stimac - will also be hard to replace.

All of them except Bilic played for the young Yugoslav team that won the under-20 World Youth Cup in Chile in

Following the disintegration of the Yugoslav federation in 1991, Croatia started playing under its own banner and three years later when Blazevic took over, the team earned international recognition for the first time when it beat Italy 2-1 in Palermo in a European Championship qualifier.

At Euro '96, the new soccer nation impressed with their tight, counter-attacking style, notably beating reigning European champions Denmark. Croatia eventually lost out

to eventual winners Germany as their discipline deserted

them in a sometimes violent quarter-final that saw Stimac

sent off. Their form in World Cup qualifying was generally disappointing, however

After home draws against Greece, Denmark and Slovenia, Croatia eventually finished second in a group topped by the



BOBAN

Danes, clinching a berth in the finals by winning the two-leg play-off against Ukraine.

The impressive 2-0 first leg win in Zagreb -- Bilic and Goran Vlaovic scored - effectively sealed their passage, but since then preparations have been unconvincing.

Blazevic has struggled to arrange many high-quality friendlies, and in a recent game against a Croatian B team the first XI suffered a humiliating 3-1 defeat that only highlighted the problems facing the coach.

A furious Boban walked off the pitch before the end of the match and later lambasted his side for a lack of commitment.

It was symptomatic of the complacency that has, perhaps inevitably, crept into such a settled side though Blazevic has tried to freshen things up by introducing some new, home-developed talent to keep his foreign-based stars on their toes.

The defence has been the object of most of the changes. Derby defender Stimac, Nikola Jerkan and Hikola Ju-

rcevic were all dropped as Blazevic tried to increase the

competition for places. Croatia Zagreb's good run in Europe this season prompted the coach to bring half a dozen

of their players into the national squad. Indeed, at one point the entire back line from Euro '96 was replaced by Croatia Zagreb

players. Blazevic has been more reluctant to experiment in the midfield, where Boban and Prosinecki seem immovable, but the place of 32-year-old

Aljosa Asanovic is less certain. Silvio Maric, an enormously talented attack-minded Croatia Zagreb midfielder, is one option, but a broken ankle that kept him out for four months this winter has disrupted his

In another permutation Blazevic might use Zvonimir Soldo, a player he has repeat-edly promised to find a place for, instead of Boban in the role of defensive midfielder.

Boban would be pushed forward and given a more offensive role on the left, supporting the striking pair of Real Madrid star Suker and Alen Boksic of

While Boban, ever president during qualifying, has been playing some of his best soccer since joining AC Milan in 1991. top scorer Suker has struggled for his goalscoring consistency

Boksic's return to form gives cause for more optimism, how-

The 28-year-old former Juventus striker, whose goal earned the Croatians a 1-1 draw in the second leg of their World Cup play off in Kiev, has been rejuvenated by his move to Lazio this season, helping the side to the UEFA Cup final and victory in the Italian Cup.

Certainly Croatia can have few complaints about December's World Cup draw, which pitted them in a group featuring Argentina and two fellow newcomers Japan and Jamaica. There is no doubting the tal-

ent in the team but how far they go is likely to depend just as much on their mental attitude.

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Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes. For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published

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4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
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Tick (/) the correct answers 1994 1990 Which WC championship was decided in a tie-breaker? Argentina ____ England ____ 2. In the 1950-WC, the hosts lost the final to Uruguay ____ Hungary ____ Algeria ___ 3. Highest goals in any WC finals match was by Soviet Union Brazilian ____ Frenchman German ____ 4. All-time highest scorer Fontaine is a Kempes ____ Tardelli Who is kissing the cup?

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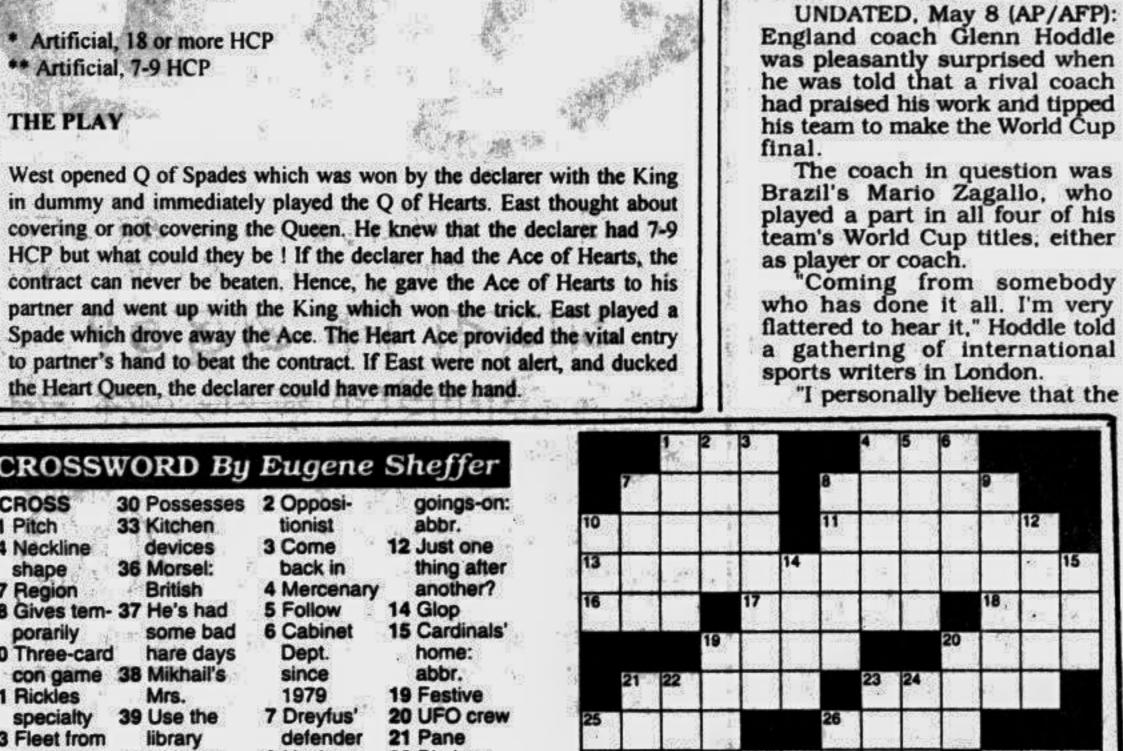
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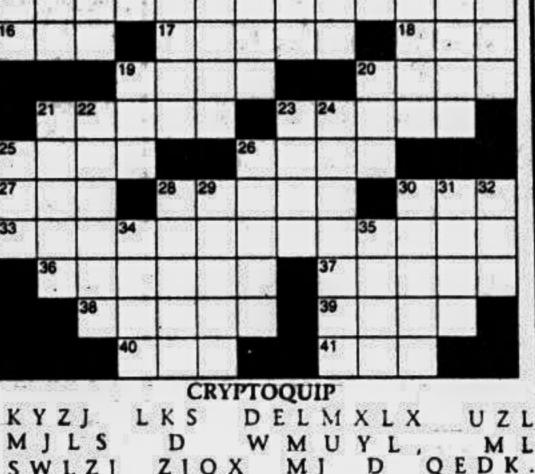
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it

YODELING IS SIMPLY SLOPE OPERA?

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UZL SWLZJ ZJQX MJ D QEDK Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO SOME SINGERS SAY

the bench, having proved his fitness after heart surgery 18 months ago. "There are very good possibilities of me leaving Italy to go to Arsenal and, if everything goes to plan, I will be there. said Kanu, who helped Ajax Amsterdam win the Champions Cup in 1995 and then starred in Nigeria's Olympic triumph a year later, when they beat Brazil and then Argentina to win the gold medal. HOSTS ON THE WAY UP! The 28 players chosen in the

titude training in the Alps on Monday. The players will travel to Tignes in the Savoie region of the Alps for a five-day training session including cross-country skiing on a glacier, running and walks in the mountains. will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short About a dozen members of words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to the national police forces will

preliminary selection for the

French team will start high-al-

journalists will be on hand to SA'S SECRET South African soccer players don't want criminals to know how much they'll be paid for

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ers are in Tignes. About 200

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playing in the World Cup. According to The Star newspaper Wednesday, players have asked the South African Football Association to keep private the amount of money being paid to team members

of the national team, said players fear they'll be targeted by criminals if the amount they are making becomes public.

Neil Tovey, a former captain

SAMMER'S WC DREAM OVER Former European player-of-

the-year Matthias Sammer will miss this year's World Cup finals after failing to recover from a series of knee operations. Borussia Dortmund libero

Sammer told the German magazine Kicker that he had given up all hope of being fit in time for next month's kick-off in France. "The World Cup is now an impossibility for me and I have

given up all hope," he said.

to prove his fitness.

TICKET SALES END The last ticket for the World Cup — which begins in just five

weeks - was sold Thursday at 6

German coach Berti Vogts

had given Sammer until May 30

pm (1600 GMT) on a hotline set up by the French organisers. French organisers said 170,000 tickets had been sold since April 22 when the telephone hotline opened for residents of France and other European nations.