

Scifo's fresh 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...

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 Vidovic.

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.

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Jacques Song (Deportivo de la Coruna/Spain), William Andem (Salvador), Alioum Boukar (Vansport/Turkey), Bertin Tokene (Charleroi/Belgium), Pensee Billong (Chunma/South Korea), Sam Kwetche (Racing Bafoussam), Raymond Kalla Nkongo (Panahiki/Greece), Pierre Wome Mend (Lucchese/Italy), Joseph Ndo (Coton Sport Garoua), Rigobert Song (Metz/France), Marc-Vivien Foe (Lens/France), Alioum Seidou (Coton Sport Garoua), Joseph Elanga (KRC 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), Alphonse Tchami (Hertha Berlin/Germany), Francois Omam Biyick (Sampdoria/Italy), Angbeaud Nguidjol (Nice/France), Laurent Etang (Levantes/Spain), Samuel Eto'o (Fils (Leganes/Spain), Augustine Sino (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).

Inter make it in style

PARIS, May 8: Inter Milan beat Lazio 3-0 at the Parc des Princes 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 title.

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.

Casiraghi to earn a yellow card from Spanish referee Antonio Lopez Neto. Lazio kept pressing forward but a well organised Inter defence formed a barrier Lazio could not breach.



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and shoot across the goal line to safety. 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 to Zanetti who volleyed with the outside of his right foot into



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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.

Greats over a hundred years

NEW YORK, May 8: Marcelo Balboa and Tab Ramos of the United States were among 11 players picked Thursday as soccer's team of the century from the North and Central American region, reports AP.

Soccer writers from around the world participated in the voting sponsored by MasterCard. Included were 130 from Europe, 105 from South America, who voted on only their regions, and select panels for the other confederations.

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. TEAMS North and Central America and Caribbean: Antonio Carbajal (Mexico), Marcelo Balboa (United States), Gilberto Yee (Honduras), Bruce Wilson (Canada), Gustavo Pena (Mexico), Ramon Ramirez (Mexico), Jorge Gonzalez (El Salvador), Tab Ramos (United States), Julio Cesar Dely Valdes (Panama), Hugo Sanchez (Mexico), Hernan Medford (Costa Rica). 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), Ferenc Puskas (Hungary), Marco Van Basten (Netherlands). South America: Ubaldo Fillol (Argentina), Daniel Passarella (Argentina), Nilton Santos (Brazil), Elias Figueroa (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 Youssef (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 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).

The dangerous outsiders

ZAGREB, May 8: (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 Croats 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.

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

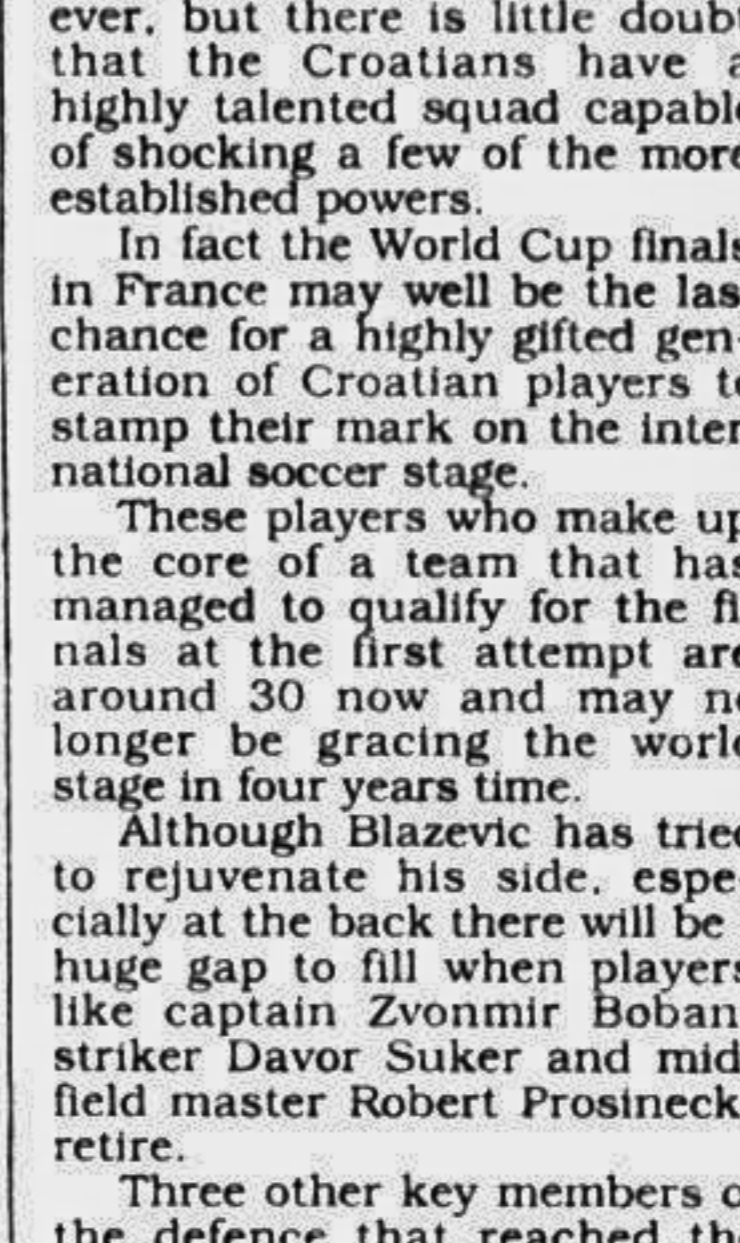
The impressive 2-0 first leg win in Zagreb — Bilic and Goran Vlaovic scored — effectively sealed their passage, but since then preparations have been unconvincing. Blazevic has struggled to arrange many high-quality friendlies, and in a recent game against a Croatian B team the first XI suffered a humiliating 3-1 defeat that only highlighted the problems facing the coach.

reevic 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. Slivio 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 form.



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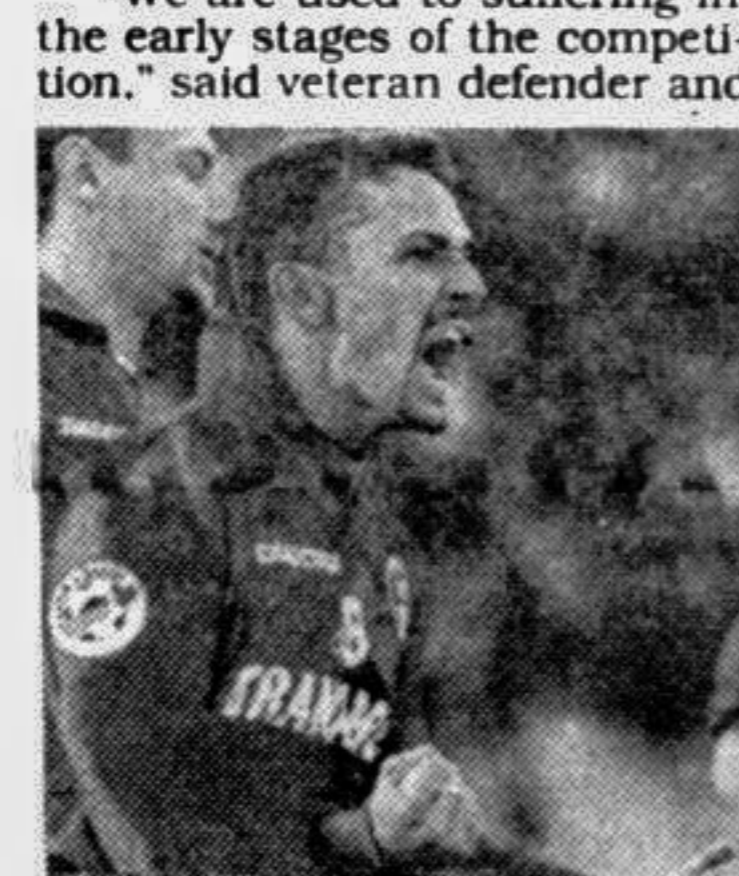
In another permutation Blazevic might use Zvonimir Soldo, a player he has repeatedly promised to find a place for, instead of Boban in the role of defensive midfielder.

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Italy's cautious creativity

MILAN, May 8: (AP): A difficult start often means glory for Italy's World Cup team. If the Azzurri struggle in the early rounds, history indicates they could be headed back to the final.

for the World Cup, edging Russia 2-1 on aggregate in a two-leg playoff.



BAGGIO

captain Paolo Maldini, who plays for AC Milan and is the son of coach Cesare Maldini. "However, we may have overcome the most difficult period. We are looking forward to repeating the deeds of the previous editions.

erful, aggressive teams as England, which Italy beat and drew with in qualifying but still earned their World Cup berth as the group winners.

Maldini is to announce his 22-man roster for France on May 22.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq TO PRESERVE PARTNER'S ENTRY FOR KILLING DEFENCE (Hand # 33) North (D) S: AK, H: QJ 10 9 X, D: KQ 10, C: AXX. West S: QJ 10 XX, H: AX, D: XXX, C: 10 XX. East S: XX, H: KXXX, D: JXXX, C: KXX. South S: XXXX, H: XX, D: AXX, C: QJXX. BIDDING (East-West were vulnerable) South West North East. 1H\*\* Pass 2H Pass. 2NT\*\* Pass 3NT Pass. Pass Pass.

Artificial, 18 or more HCP. \*\* Artificial, 7-9 HCP. THE PLAY West opened Q of Spades which was won by the declarer with the King in dummy and immediately played the Q of Hearts. East thought about covering or not covering the Queen. He knew that the declarer had 7-9 HCP but what could they be! If the declarer had the Ace of Hearts, the contract can never be beaten. Hence, he gave the Ace of Hearts to his partner and went up with the King which won the trick. East played a Spade which drove away the Ace. The Heart Ace provided the vital entry to partner's hand to beat the contract. If East were not alert, and ducked the Heart Queen, the declarer could have made the hand.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. ACROSS 30 Possesses, 33 Kitchen devices, 4 Neckline shape, 7 Region, 8 Guest term, 10 Three-card con game, 11 Rickles specialty, 13 Fleet from far away, 16 Petrol, 17 Fine silk net, 18 Tackle tacos, 19 Hereditary unit, 20 Satan's torse, 21 Greg Norman's nickname, 23 Lots of times, 25 Yo, yo, 26 Andy's pal, 27 On pens, 28 1995's Horse of the Year. SOLUTION time: 22 mins. Thursday's answer.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

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Euro-based stars galore in SA squad

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.

The 28 players named Friday will later be trimmed to the 22-member 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.

SA'S SECRET

South African soccer players don't want criminals to know how much they'll be paid for 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.

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 Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98

ROUND 3 HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO WIN! 1st Prize: Whirlpool Gas Cooker, 2nd Prize: PHILIPS CD RCR AZ 9061, 3rd Prize: PHILIPS Blender with Chopper, 4th Prize: 5 Dozen Philips Bulbs, 5th Prize: Caps & T-Shirts. All Prizes Courtesy: Transcom Electronics Ltd. Official licensee of Philips Electronics N.V. for lighting products, radio and TV sets.

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 Three: 1st One Whirlpool Gas Cooker, 2nd One CD player, 3rd One Blender with chopper, 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 3". Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmodi R/A, Dhaka 1205. 11. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any. 12. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box. 13. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star. 14. Any decision of The Daily Star in the conduct of the Quiz competition 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 manner whatsoever. 15. The Daily Star management, in their absolute discretion, reserves the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of the Quiz competitions under any circumstances.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Three Ends May 13, 1998. Tick (✓) the correct answers. 1. Which WC championship was decided in a tie-breaker? 1986 [ ] 1990 [ ] 1994 [ ]. 2. In the 1950 WC, the hosts lost the final to Uruguay [ ] England [ ] Argentina [ ]. 3. Highest goals in any WC finals match was by Soviet Union [ ] Algeria [ ] Hungary [ ]. 4. All-time highest scorer Fontaine is a Frenchman [ ] German [ ] Brazilian [ ]. 5. Who is kissing the cup? Klinemann [ ] Tardelli [ ] Kempes [ ]. Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_. Address \_\_\_\_\_. Telephone (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_. 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 Daily Star. You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 3."