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# Matthaeus gets the nod

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 11 (AFP/AP): Bayern Munich midfielder Mario Basler, who is still off his best form following a lengthy injury.

ke, Christian Woerns (Bayer Leverkusen).  
**Midfielders:** Steffen Freund (Borussia Dortmund), Thomas Haessler (Karlsruhe), Dietmar Hamann (Bayern Munich), Jörg Heinrich (Borussia Dortmund), Jens Jeremies (1860 Munich), Andreas Moeller (Borussia Dortmund), Michael



**BOTH SIDES OF STORY:** A visibly delighted Lothar Matthaeus (C) exchanging words with Bayern Munich teammate Bixente Lizarazu (R) while Mario Basler puts on a glum face during practice at Munich yesterday. Matthaeus was recalled to the German World Cup squad while Basler was dropped.

**Defenders:** Markus Babel (Bayern Munich), Thomas Helmer (Bayern Munich) Juergen Kohler (Borussia Dortmund), Lothar Matthaeus (Bayern Munich), Stefan Reuter (Borussia Dortmund), Olaf Thon (Schal-

## Schools cricket Scholastica, Pallabi Model enter final round

Scholastica and Pallabi Majedul Islam Model emerged group champions in the Dhaka zone of the 16th national schools cricket championship yesterday, reports UNB.

The two now join Motijheel Govt High, Rahmatullah School, Maple Leaf, BKSP Willes, Little Flower, Udayan School, Loreto and Safiuddin Sarkar Academy in the 10-team Dhaka zonal final round.

Four top-finishing teams from the zone will qualify for the final round. In the Dhaka zone group finals, Scholastica became Group 9 champions beating Syed Nazim Pre-Cadet by 37 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

## High Court declares removal of BSF GS, Treasurer illegal

A High Court division bench of the Supreme Court comprising of Justice Kazi Shaif Uddin and Justice Abdul Aziz by a judgement yesterday declared the removal of Mir Daulat Hossain, the general secretary of Bangladesh Shooting Federation (BSF), and Nuruzzaman, the treasurer of the BSF, illegal, void, without lawful authority and as such is of no legal effect, according to a press release issued by Advocate Mahbubur Rahman MP, who appeared for the petitioners.

Both of them were removed by the secretary of the National Sports Council (NSC) with the approval of the government by a notification on February 15, 1998 and the said impugned action was challenged by both of them in the Supreme Court by filing Writ Petition upon which rule and stay orders were earlier issued by the honourable court.

## Ranjit rates Kiwis as dangerous

COLOMBO, May 11: Sri Lanka's new cricket manager says New Zealand's unpredictability makes it a "dangerous" team, reports AP.

New Zealand, which arrives later this month for a seven-week tour of Sri Lanka, "has been doing everything right," but still not winning, Ranjit Fernando was quoted as saying by the state-run Daily News Monday. "Such a team is a dangerous one, because you don't know when they will come good."

"My belief is that success has no magic formula," said Fernando, who took over the manager's post from Duleep Mendis over the weekend. Sri Lanka also replaced Australian coach Bruce Yardley with Sri Lankan Roy Dias.

## Taylor's hope revolves round McGrath

SYDNEY, May 11: The return of Glenn McGrath will give a timely boost to an Australian team deprived of injured leg-spinner Shane Warne test team captain Mark Taylor said today, reports AFP.

McGrath troubled by a persistent stomach injury last summer and played just one Test, but is likely to resume his international career in Pakistan. "I've seen Glenn a bit in recent times and I'll probably start training with him tomorrow," said Taylor, who last week said he was willing to retain the captaincy of Australia.

## Juve rule Serie A

LONDON, May 11 (Reuters): Juventus and Celtic secured league titles in Italy and Scotland respectively over the weekend. Olympiakos Piraeus also took the championship in Greece.

There was relief for Everton, who avoided relegation in England, while Spain are set for a dramatic final next week after Real Madrid lost again. Filippo Inzaghi scored a hat-trick as Juventus beat Bologna 3-2 in a roller-coaster match in Turin to clinch their 25th Italian championship and third in four years.

# Hodde's men aiming to graduate with honours

LONDON, May 11 (Reuters): The journey time between London and Paris takes an hour by plane or three by train these days — but England's footballers will be hoping their trip across the Channel this summer brings to an end an odyssey that has lasted 32 years.

England will make the short journey to France full of optimism that they can win the World Cup for the first time since 1966. And for once, after the failures and disappointments in six World Cups since then, the optimism would seem not to be misplaced.



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during the qualifiers to reach France '98 in some style — out-playing the Italians in Rome last October to secure the point they needed from a 0-0 draw to win the automatic right to a place in the finals.

Italy, consigned to the play-offs, also eventually qualified, but many people were impressed by England's performance, not least Italian coach Cesare Maldini who said afterwards: "England are on the verge of becoming a really great side. They controlled the game. They played with great authority and their planning was perfect. We could not live with them today."

England's old rival Franz Beckenbauer, who was in the West German side beaten in the 1966 World Cup final, has also taken note of England's improvement.

"England now has a very good team," he said recently, "and although Brazil must be the favourites, the tournament is of course in Europe and it is very possible a European team will win it. England are perhaps the best team in Europe right now, so they must have a very good chance."

Apart from their win in 1966 on home territory and a semi-final spot in Italy eight years ago, England have a poor World Cup record compared to their European rivals Germany and Italy who have both reached five World Cup finals, each winning three.

But England skipper Alan Shearer believes the time has come for England to start catching up.

"Everybody needs a little bit of luck," he says. "And although we haven't believe in ourselves, we're a very confident squad right now and I don't think we fear anyone. Brazil are probably everyone's favourites but a lot of teams fear England now, that's the important thing."

Shearer missed most of the season because of an ankle injury but is now fully recovered. The two very different goals he scored against Portugal in a friendly in April — one a well-placed header the other a fiercely-struck 20-metre thunderbolt — proved that he is ready to spearhead England's assault — just as he did two years ago in Euro '96.

Shearer ended that tournament as top scorer with five goals as England went out to Germany in a semifinal shootout.

That match marked the end of Terry Venables' reign as England coach, with Glenn Hoddle installed as his successor by the time the World Cup qualifiers began in September 1996.

England welcomed the Hoddle era with three straight wins and apart from the occasional lapse, have generally improved since Venables left. They have more confidence about them, a great self-assurance and perhaps a harder edge to ride out the storm when things are going against them.

The nucleus of the side is much the same, with David Seaman in goal, Tony Adams in defence, Paul Ince in midfield and Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer up front.

Hoddle believes every successful team must have a strong backbone running through its centre, and England's is as strong as they come.

The creative inspiration in the side, which is likely to play in a 3-5-2 formation, should come from Paul Gascoigne, now

31 and England's last link with the team that reached the semi-finals in Italy eight years ago, David Beckham, and Sheringham as the link man between midfield and attack.

But Hoddle is also likely to use his "secret weapon" — 18-year-old Michael Owen, the lightning-fast Liverpool striker who became England's youngest international this century when he played against Chile in February aged just 18 years 59 days.

England, who reached as high as fourth in the FIFA world rankings at the end of last year, should come through a relatively easy opening round group which also includes seeded Romania, Colombia and Tunisia.

But then things become very difficult. A second round clash against Argentina or Croatia is likely to be followed by a quarter-final against Germany.

Since beating the Germans in 1966, England have lost to them in the 1970 World Cup quarter-finals, the 1990 World Cup semi-finals — on penalties — and the 1996 European Championship semi-finals, again on penalties.

In some ways it appears just as hard for England to beat the Germans as it does to win the World Cup. And should they manage it they won't have long to celebrate, with Italy and Brazil their likely next opponents.

England have not beaten any of the three in a major tournament since 1966 — and now it seems they might have to beat them all within two weeks.

But if Glenn Hoddle's team can pull it off they will be fully justified in taking their place alongside the class of '66.

## Atherton ends run drought

LONDON, May 11: Former England captain Michael Atherton ended a sequence of low scores with a timely 98 for Lancashire in the English 40-over league on Sunday, reports Reuters.

With the international matches against the touring South Africans starting later this month, Atherton's innings against Derbyshire at Old Trafford eased the England selectors' concern over his form.

Since returning from the tour of the Caribbean last month, Atherton's scores in all domestic competitions have been 0, 33, not out, 11, 12, 28, 1 and 0 for an average of only just over 14.

Atherton's half-century will have given him some renewed confidence to carry into Lancashire's last two championship matches before the selectors name their side for the first Test against South Africa.

His county's victory over Derbyshire was one of three achieved on a run-rate calculation used to decide matches affected by the weather.

Title holders Warwickshire beat Leicestershire at Edgbaston even though Brian Lara was dismissed for two by fellow-Trinidadian Phil Simmons.

Yorkshire beat Surrey at Headingley, with England pacesman Darren Gough taking five for 25 in six overs.

Kent went to the top of the table with three wins from three matches after beating Gloucestershire by three wickets at Bristol. West Indian Carl Hooper was their top scorer with an unbeaten 68.

Hampshire, who had also won their first two games, lost to Essex by two wickets with three balls left.

SYDNEY, May 11: Officials from the famous cricket grounds at Lord's in England and Eden Gardens in India are expected to compete with Adelaide to claim a life-size sculpture of Australian Sir Donald Bradman, reports AP.

The sculpture, by Mitch Mitchell, will go under the hammer Tuesday as part of a major auction of cricket memorabilia.

Bradman, 89, is considered the greatest batsman in cricket history, retiring with an average of 59.94.

Sculptor Mitch Mitchell started the project when he hitchhiked from Melbourne to Bradman's home in Adelaide and knocked on the door.

Mitchell said he hoped the bronze sculpture would be bought by Adelaide City Council.

The sculpture is expected to fetch at least 35,000 US dollars. Auction house Christies will also offer a part of the ball used in the first official Ashes Test between Australia and England, played at the Oval in 1882. The part is set in an intricate piece of jewelry.

## Pele favours Johansson

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, May 11: Pele has endorsed the candidacy of UEFA president Lennart Johansson to become the Leader of FIFA, soccer's world governing body, reports Reuters.

The Brazilian superstar, in the West Indies for the 21st CONCACAF congress, said his longstanding relationship with Johansson and the need for a change in the direction of the world's most popular sport were among his reasons for supporting the Swede.

## Ronaldo visits the Vatican

VATICAN CITY, May 11: Inter Milan's Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo was received in private by Pope John Paul II here today, reports AFP.

The footballer, who was accompanied by his mother, had long been hoping for a private audience with the Pope, following his arrival in Italy last summer.

# Holland estranged within

AMSTERDAM, May 11 (Reuters): This summer there is one title the Dutch would love to lose — that of best country.

never to have won the World Cup. That was the accolade they picked up in 1974, when a side



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packed with talent, including Johan Cruyff and Neeskens, went down 2-1 to West Germany in the final. Four years later, they were again finalists, losing 3-1 to hosts Argentina in extra-time.

The Dutch failed to make the grade in 1982 and 1986 and have disappointed in World Cups since, although they were European champions in 1988.

The days of AC Milan trio Marco Van Basten, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard may be over — and few are tipping the Dutch to win in France — but there is a renewed sense that they may have the wherewithal to go far this summer.

The Netherlands sailed through the qualifying rounds, won two friendly since and have some truly talented players.

In goal, Edwin Van Der Sar is among the best in the world. In defence, Frank de Boer is a solid tackler and free-kick spe-

cialist in the Ronald Koeman mould, while Jaap Stam, the overwhelming winner of Dutch player of the year, is advancing in leaps and bounds. His recent 16.7 million dollar move to Manchester United for a world record defender's fee is proof of his class.

In midfield, Clarence Seedorf's strength and Marc Overmars speed complement each other, while up front Patrick Kluivert is a world-class goal scorer who is gradually regaining his touch after a difficult season with AC Milan.

But the real star is striker Dennis Bergkamp, if he can translate his brilliant club form with Arsenal into the biggest stage of all, the Dutch could prove world-beaters.

His goals have taken Arsenal to the brink of the English league title but a pulled hamstring threatens his end-of-season participation and the Dutch will hope he recovers fully for France.

On a personal note, Bergkamp needs only two more goals to equal Faas Wilkes' Dutch international record of 35 after his seven in the Netherlands' eight qualifying matches.

But for all the undoubted talent in the side, the traditional weaknesses of lack of resilience and internal strife are never far from the surface.

Early this year, Ajax's Danish coach Morten Olsen said the Dutch lacked the "over my dead body" attitude to mount a serious challenge this summer, adding that Dutch players often found they going difficult when they were closed down.

More recently, Cruyff added himself to the list of sceptics, saying there was no question the current Dutch squad members were talented, but they were short of mental toughness.

One factor is the lack of a true leader. The captaincy, likely to be held by Frank de Boer, is a lightly arbitrary distinction, while the Dutch penchant for excessive deliberation can mute their motivation.

At the back, there is little doubting the commitment of De

Boer and Stam, but in the midfield tackling back is for some an optional extra and heads can sag when the team goes behind.

The Dutch do have one dogged midfielder whose toughness is beyond question. He is Edgar Davids, now at Juventus. Nicknamed "pitbull" for his aggressive temperament, he would be an asset at the centre of the Dutch midfield.



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## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Edwin van Der Sar (Ajax Amsterdam, 22 caps), Ed de Gooij (Chelsea, 30), Ruud Hesp (Barcelona, none).  
**Defenders:** Frank de Boer (Ajax, 52), Winston Bogarde (Barcelona, 12), Arthur Numan (PSV, 26), Michael Rixiger (Barcelona, 24), Jaap Stam (PSV Eindhoven, 11), Ferdi Vierkluif (Tenerife, 2).  
**Midfielders:** Ronald de Boer (Ajax, 38), Giovanni van Bronckhorst (Feyenoord, 7), Philip Cocu (PSV, 17), Edgar Davids (Juventus, 9), Wim Jonk (PSV 41), Clarence Seedorf (Real Madrid, 28), Aron Winter (Inter Milan, 69).  
**Forwards:** Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal, 57), Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Leeds United, none), Pierre van Hooijdonk (Nottingham Forest, 11), Patrick Kluivert (AC Milan, 17), Marc Overmars (Arsenal, 37), Boudevijn Zenden (PSV, 3).

## The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98

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1st	One	Whirlpool Gas Cooker
2nd	One	CD player
3rd	One	Blender with chopper
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5th	25	T-shirt and cap

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

- Which WC championship was decided in a tie-breaker? 1986  1990  1994
- In the 1950-WC, the hosts lost the final to Uruguay  England  Argentina
- Highest goals in any WC finals match was by Soviet Union  Algeria  Hungary
- All-time highest scorer Fontaine is a Frenchman  German  Brazilian
- Who is kissing the cup? Klinsmann  Tardelli  Kempes

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