In Group E. Belgium face

Since the 1982 World Cup in

their old nemesis the Nether-

lands, Mexico and South Korea.

Spain, Belgium have built their

reputation on classy defenders

like Eric Gerets, Georges Grun

and Philippe Albert. Now.

credible heirs are nowhere in

sight and during recent prepa-

ration games against Norway

and Romania, the defence

# Cesare puts speculations to rest



ROME, May 22 (AP. Reuters. AFP): Bowing to a nationwide clamour, coach Cesare Maldini on Thu-

rsday included veteran starforward Roberto Baggio on Italy's World Cup team for France 98.

In a surprising decision, Maldini also called 34-year-old Inter Milan defender Guiseppe Bergomi while dropping from the list of 21 players Chelsea's star Gianfranco Zola and Lazio's striker Pierluigi Casir-

Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero, who suffered a right thigh strain in Wednesday's Champions' Cup final against Real Madrid, was not immediately included in the list, pending medical examinations.

Maldini suggested that Del Piero, Italy's top star, may recover by the start of the World Cup and become Italy's 22nd

Del Piero strained his leg

# Iranians falling apart?

TEHRAN, May 22: Iranian MPs called for a "serious probe" Thursday into a spate of poor performances by the national team just three weeks ahead of the start of the World Cup in France, reports AFP.

"Iran's worst defeat in its recent football history "wounded the sentiments of our people, notably the youth," said an MP from the border province of West Azerbaijan.

Mostafa Ahmadieh, from Karaj just west of the capital, went further calling Iran's crushing 7-1 defeat in Rome on Tuesday to an AS Roma reserve side a "painful catastrophe." "Give the amount of money

spent on the team, such a defeat was unimaginable for our football," he said. Iran's Football Federation

sacked the teams Croat coach Tomislav Ivic a day after the defeat and replaced him with Jalel Talebi, a former member of the Iranian national team. Ivic took over the job in mid-

January, just five months before the start of the finals but faced mounting criticism after losing at home to Hungary in a friendly tournament last

# Brittany tame the lions

RENNES, May 22: Cameroon were held at a 1-1 draw by a Brittany selection here Thurs! day in their opening friendly World Cup workout friendly. reports AFP.

Omam Bivik, who used to play for the local French First Division club Rennes, opened the scoring for Cameroon in the 14th minute but Lionel Rouxel equalised seconds before half-

### ENGLAND- S AFRICA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first oneday cricket international between England and South Africa at The Oval on Thursday:

ENGLAND: 223 for nine in 50 overs (N Knight 64, A Hollioake 32, A Stewart 27; Donald 2/45)

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Total: (for 7 wkts in 48.4 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-4; 2-76; 3-105; 4-134; 5-175; 6-175; 7-214.

Did not bat: P Symcox, A Donald. Bowling:  $\mathbf{R}$ Gough 38 Lewis 46 Ealham 38 Giles 37 Croft 0 51 Hollioake Result: South Africa won by

three wickets.

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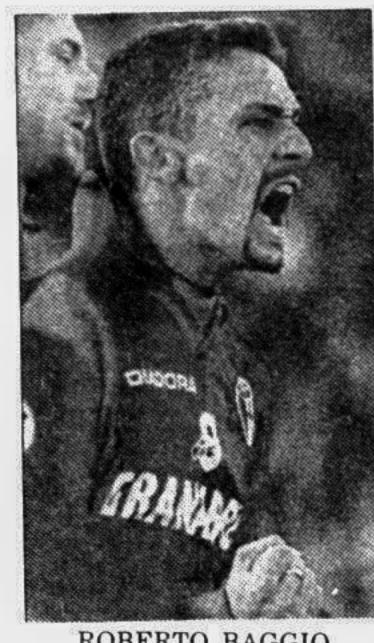
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during the second half of the Champions' final but still

completed the match. A final decision about Del Piero will be taken by Italian officials by the June 2 deadline set by the international soccer federation FIFA for presenting the final 22-men lists.



ROBERTO BAGGIO

Baggio and Bergomi, returning to the national team, after long absences. Fiorentina's midfielder Sandro Cois and Juventus' defender Gianluca Pessotto were the only novelty in an otherwise conservative list including Juventus' young striker Filppo Inzaghi, AC Milan veteran defenders Paolo Maldini and Alessandro Costacurta, long-tested midfielders Roberto Di Matteo, Demetrio Albertini and Dino Baggio (no relation with Roberto) and goalkeepers Angelo Peruzzi and Gianluca Pagliuca.

Baggio, who inspired Italy to the 1994 World Cup final and then sealed Brazil's victory by missing a penalty with the last kick of the tournament, has not been called up since September last year when he made a fleeting appearance in Italy's 0-0 draw with Georgia in their qualifying campaign.

The 31-year-old was dropped for the Rome showdown with England the following month and had to watch from the sidelines as Maldini's side struggled past Russia in the play-offs.

When Italy announced they would play World Cup warm-up matches against Slovakia and Paraguay in early 1998 - and when Maldini vowed to make changes to his lacklustre side it appeared Baggio was back in

. But he was left out of the squads for both matches, sug-

UNDATED, May 22 (AP)

Bookmaker William Hill is

quoting odds of 5-1 on England

captain Alan Shearer getting a

bets after referee Paul Durkin,

who will be an official at the

World Cup although not taking

part in any of England's games,

warned that Shearer would

have been sent off for his FA

Cup final foul on Arsenal's

Tony Adams if that had been a

All he got at Wembley was a

Meanwhile, Ladbrokes are

predicting that the most likely

World Cup final will be between

defending titlists Brazil and

fered at odds of only 9-1. Brazil

vs. Germany or Italy or England

are quoted at 10-1, yet a Ger-

many-Italy or Germany-Eng-

**BAFANA BAFANA'S** 

**BON VOYAGE** 

soccer team a noisy farewell

Thursday as it began the jour-

off a 1-1 draw Wednesday night

with Zambia, departed for Ar-

ney to its first World Cup.

Fans gave South Africa's

The 'bafana bafana', coming

That matchup is being of-

World Cup game.

host nation France.

land final is 25-1.

vellow card.

William Hill began taking

red card at the World Cup.

gesting his brilliant international career might be over.

Baggio insisted it was not and continued to play superbly for Bologna, who he joined after a frustrating 1996-97 season at AC Milan during which he was frequently left on the bench.



GUISEPPE BERGOMI

day of the season just finished to end as Serie A's third highest scorer with 22 league goals, the highest tally of his career.

That, and his ability to change the course of a game with his unpredictable skills, appear to have forced Maldini to reconsider his selection. "It's a wonderful feeling,"

Baggio said on hearing of his selection, "it repays me for so many disappointments." The other big surprise in the

squad is the inclusion of Bergomi, the only member of Italy's victorious 1982 World Cup squad still in action. Bergomi appeared in the final of that tournament as an

inexperienced 18-year-old and marked West Germany captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge out of the match. But "Lo Zio" (the uncle) has not played for Italy since June 1991 and was left out of the

squad for the 1994 World Cup. "I owe my selection above all to (Inter Milan coach) Gigi Simoni, who kept on playing me this season even when it was difficult to do so," Bergomi said. "I just hope my experience can help us in France.

Baggio has 46 caps and 25 goals with the Italian team, Bergomi has 77 caps and six Baggio's fascinating recall

means there is no place in Mal-

dini's squad for forward Zola,

whose form has dipped this sea:

match Monday against the

Then the team goes to Ger-

former world champions.

the crowd at the airport.

this nation."

Cup preparations.

Roxburgh.

we will do our best in France as

we carry with us the pride of

SCOTS TURN TO

**GOUGH** 

San Jose Clash of Major League

Soccer, Richard Gough is being

asked to help Scotland's World

flown out to the US to play

warmup games against Colom-

bia and the United States and

coach Craig Brown has called

on the 36-year-old centre back

Gough, who played 61 times for

his country before falling out

with the previous coach, Andy

"I'm not sure yet about San

Jose's schedule but Craig has

asked me to join the squad at

Having just returned to the

The Scottish squad has

son at English club Chelsea.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

October, when he was deeply disappointing, but did score a spectacular winner for Chelsea in the European Cup Winners' Cup final against Stuttgart earlier this month. Casiraghi misses out despite scoring the goal which finally

He last played for Italy

against England in Rome in

took Italy to France - a secondhalf strike in November's second leg qualifying match against Russia in Naples.

The only chance he now has of making the squad is if Del Piero fails to shake off his in-

Inter Milan winger Francesco Moriero is retained after scoring two spectacular goals against Paraguay and AS Roma midfielder Luigi Di Biagio also makes the party after his impressive debut against Slovakia in January.

Casiraghi got the news while on a break in London, prior to his expected move to Chelsea next season.

"I'm very disappointed," he said. "There's no point denying it. For the moment, it's better to think about holidays. "I'm going to try and take my mind off things in London - what else have I got to do?" The bitterness came out

through in an ironic joke at his own expense. Asked when he thought he'd lost his place in the squad: "Perhaps that day in Naples when I scored against

Italian players will begin preparations for the World Cup at the training camp of Coverciano, near Florence, Friday. Del Piero will also travel to Coverciano Friday to undergo medical tests. Federation officials said.

Before moving to France, the Italian team will play their last warmup against Sweden, at Goteborg, on June 2.

### SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Angelo Peruzzi (Juventus): Gianluca Pagliuca (Inter Milan); Gianluigi Buffon (Parma).

Defenders: Guiseppe Bergomi (Inter Milan); Fabio Cannavaro (Parma); Alessandro Costacurta and Paolo Maldini (AC Milan); Alessandro Nesta (Lazio); Gianluca Pessotto and Moreno Torricelli (Juventus). Midfielders: Demetrio Al-

bertini (AC Milan); Dino Baggio (Parma): Sandro (Fiorentina); Luigi Di Biagio Roma); Angelo Di Livio (Juventus); Roberto Di Matteo (Chelsea); Francesco Moriero (Inter Milan). Forwards: Roberto Baggio

(Bologna); Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus): Fabrizio Ravanelli (Olympique Marseille): Christian Vieri (Atletico Madrid).

UMBRO TO DRESS UP

### Asian youth soccer

### Bangladesh-Lanka opener today

Sports Reporter Bangladesh will take on hosts Sri Lanka in the opening match of the Group 5 qualifying round of the 31st Asian youth (under-19) football championship which begins in the central town of Kandy today.

In their second match of the four-team qualifiers, Bangladesh will face Tajikistan on May 26 while their last encounter will be against Kazakhstan on May 29.

Top finishers from this round will book a berth in the 10-team final round, scheduled to be held in Thailand from October 17 to 30.

A 25-member Bangladesh team led by national custodian Biplab Bhattacharya has already reached the island nation last week.

#### SQUAD

Biplab Bhattacharya, Gobinda Chandra Sarker, Aminul Haq. Mohammad Shimul. Shafiqul Islam, Zillur Rahman Lajuk, Jahangir Alam Mintu, Riad Mahmood, Amit Khan Souvra, Reazul Karim, Ameer Khan, Motiur Rahman Munna, Rezaul Karim Liton, Masud Haidar, Mustafa Anwar Parvez. SM Papel Mahmood. Saifur Rahman Moni, Majibur Rahman Ritu, Alid Khan and Saiful Islam Saif.

### Wilmots breathes energy

BRUSSELS, May 22 (AP): He may not be the world's prettiest player to watch, but when the Red Devils need efficiency and drive. Marc Wilmots has the credentials.

After Enzo Scifo set standards for Belgian elegance if not efficiency at the last three World Cups, national coach Georges Leekens is expected to turn to Wilmots as the midfield dynamo in France. The in-your-face midfielder

with the crunching tackle and ceaseless energy has come to full bloom at Germany's Schalke 04, where his cut and thrust style blended perfectly with the working class heroes of the Ruhr's industrial belt. He scored the decider in the

1997 UEFA Cup final, highlighting his rise to international prominence. Leekens called him back

into the Red Devils' fold after an ugly dispute with the preceding coach had seemed to put an end to his career for Belgium. "Everything has been cleared

up," the 29-year-old Wilmots said. "But, in short, everything I have achieved now is because of Schalke."

Wilmots left Standard Liege. two years ago as a striker seemingly at the end-of his wits! In-Germany though, he returned to the midfield, where his raw aggression thrived again.

### Kingston, Indore told to wake up

LONDON, May 22: Cricket pitches at Kingston in Jamaica and Indore in India will have to receive official approval from the International Cricket Council before they are allowed to stage their next Test match or one-day international, reports

The first Test of England's winter tour to the West Indies was abandoned after just 61 balls when the Sabina Park pitch in Kingston was ruled too dangerous to continue playing. It was the first time in 121

years of Test cricket that a match had been aborted because of the state of the playing sur-

This was just a month after the second one-day international between India and Sri Lanka at Indore on Christmas Day suffered a similar fate with only 18 deliveries having been

The two abandonments were a major topic for discussion at a two-day meeting of the ICC committee, which was chaired by former West Indies star Sir

tee is that before another oneday international or Test takes place at Indore and Kingston, an ICC approved person will be sent to inspect how the pitches are playing at both venues.

### Hick's hefty hundred

LONDON, May 22: Graeme Hick hammered an emphatic answer to the England selectors who dropped him from the squad for the one-day series against South Africa with the 98th first-class century of his career on Thursday, reports Reuters. The Zimbabwean-born

batsman plundered 166 off 221 balls for Worcestershire on the opening day of their county championship game against Middlesex at Uxbridge. Hick, who hit one six and 19 fours, shared a second wicket

stand of 133 with Vikram Solanki (78) and added 222 for the fourth wicket with skipper Tom Moody (132 not out) as Worcestershire piled up 435-4. West Indies captain Brian Lara was dismissed for only two

as his much weakened Warwickshire were shot out for 130 by Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston. Stand-in opener Mike Powell carried his bat for a career best 70 before Notts replied with 71-2. Lancashire's Glen Chapple

(5-49) did the damage as Essex were all out for 242 at Chelmsford with Stuart Law making the top score of 55. Lancashire Solskjaer (Manchester United), were 36 without loss at the

# Devils never say never



BRUSSELS, May 22 (AP): The Red Devils just keep coming back. Few know how, but all

know when each time a World Cup rolls around. Despite a disastrous start to their qualifying campaign, Bel-

gium are one of only a halfdozen nations to reach their fifth consecutive World Cup fi-As always, Belgium have had to build a winning strategy

around the few international quality players they have, and, for the first time in years, the forward line is their forte. "Our strength is up front," coach Georges Leekens says.

Luc Nilis of PSV Eindhoven

and Fiorentina's Luis Oliveira could form a dangerous partnership. Don't have too great expectations though. "We're just a little

team. An underdog in France," Leekens said. But who better to turn the odds around than Leekens, who

was widely credited for squeezing Belgium in among the 32 qualifiers.

After Belgium were out-

### Eric couldn't care less!

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22: French soccer legend Eric Cantona is refusing to share his thoughts on who will win the World Cup his country is hosting next month, reports AFP. Cantona, who earned 45 caps

and scored 20 goals for France, has joined a professional beach soccer tour which starts here today, and organisers warned journalists not to ask him about the World Cup. When the question was in-

evitably put about France's chances of winning the World Cup. Cantona, true to his mystical persona, replied: "What World Cup?" The retired ex-Manchester

United star is less reticent about beach soccer.

classed by the Netherlands at home in qualifying, Leekens took over an organisation low on morale and high on gripes

and changed it almost instantly. "The toughest was to turn the negative mood around," he said. The Red Devils struggled to

finish second in their group and

with it earn a playoff spot. They

were blessed with one of the

**ENZO SCIFO** 

Ireland. Belgium still türned it

into a mighty scramble before

Belgium have played in ev-

ery finals since missing out to

the Dutch in their qualifying

group in 1978, an amazing feat

for a country of only 10 mil-

lion. Campaigns in between World Cups have contrasted

sharply, without a single Euro-

pean Championship berth since

big questions remain as to who

will feed the two strikers and

even bigger questions who will

fend off the opposition.

In the runup to France '98,

prevailing.

weakest playoff opponents looked shaky. In midfield Marc Wilmots is steadily developing into the playmaking heir of sweetfooted Enzo Scifo, even though their styles could hardly differ more. Wilmots of Germany's Schalke 04, always looks ready to run through a wall to defend

the fiery red colours, and that's just the way Leekens likes it. Scifo, seeking his fourth successive World Cup campaign, was long criticised for intricate

moves that effectively slowed down the game instead of providing swift service. So when Scifo vowed in February he would never play for Leekens again after he was cut for an exhibition game, it

was not the coach who was going to blink first. In a media standoff that took three months. Scifo took back his words and was looking for a couple of weeks in France.

### Junior being unpatriotic KUALA LUMPUR, May 22:

Junior, who played for Brazil in two World Cup finals, said Thursday the South American champions may have the best players now but that would not guarantee victory this time, reports AFP. "Other teams like Argentina,

Germany, England and France are contenders," Junior told reporters when asked to comment on Brazil's chances at the next months' World Cup finals in The 44-year-old played for

Brazil at the 1982 and 1986 finals.



### Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

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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. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per

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.

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One	Sanyo Refrigerator
One	Philips 14" B/W TV
One	Philips Electronic Personal Scale
Five	Philips Bulbs 4 dozen (5 boxes)
25	T-shirt and cap
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pants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

many to complete its training ENGLAND for the World Cup in France. "This is the greatest moment England has signed a new for South Africa as it will be five-year, 50 million pound (83 first time this country will be million dollars) deal with participating in the World Cup," British-based Umbro to provide coach Philippe Troussier told shirts, shorts and socks from next year, turning down offers "It is also significant that it from the United States' Nike will be the last World Cup tourand Germany's Puma. nament this century. I promise As part of the deal, fans or-

gentina for an exhibition their training camp," Gough

ganisations also will have a say in the design of the new clothing. CROATIAN OBSESSION

If first-time World Cup participants Croatia make the quarterfinals in France, there's one team they really want to

Yugoslavia. "I hope we meet them in the World Cup," Croatia's top striker Davor Suker said. still think that we're a better side, as their main stars

Savicevic are warning." Yugoslavia were kicked out of the last World Cup because of the wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina after separation in

#### the 2002 European Championship because they are in the same group. NORWAY'S 'BRITISH'

SQUAD

Now neighbours, they are

sure to meet in qualification for

It's surprising that Norwegian soccer coach Egil Olsen hasn't set up his training camp in Britain. Theoretically, he could field

from players who perform in the English and Scottish Olsen will select players from home clubs as well as some from other European na-

tions. But his "British" squad

could took something like this:

Thomas Myhre (Everton)

his entire World Cup squad

Espen Baardsen (Tottenham) Frode Grodas (Tottenham); Sting Inge Bjornebye (Liverpool), Henning Berg (Manchester United), Gunnar Halle (Leeds), Bjorn Kvarme (Liverpool), Staale Stensaas (Glasgow Rangers), Claus Lundekvam (Southampton), Roger Nilsen (Sheffield United); Ronny Johnsen (Manchester United, Trond-Egil Soltvedt (Coventry) Lars Bohinen (Derby), Harald Brattbakk (Celtic), Egil Ostenstad (Southampton). Oyvind Leonhardsen (Liverpool); Jan Aage Fjortoft (Barnsley), Tore Andre Flo (Chelsea), Steffen Iversen (Tottenham), Alf-Inge Haaland (Leeds), Ole Gunnar

Tore Pedersen (Blackburn).

# (Dragan) Stojkovic and (Dejan) Clyde Walcott. The decision of the commit-