

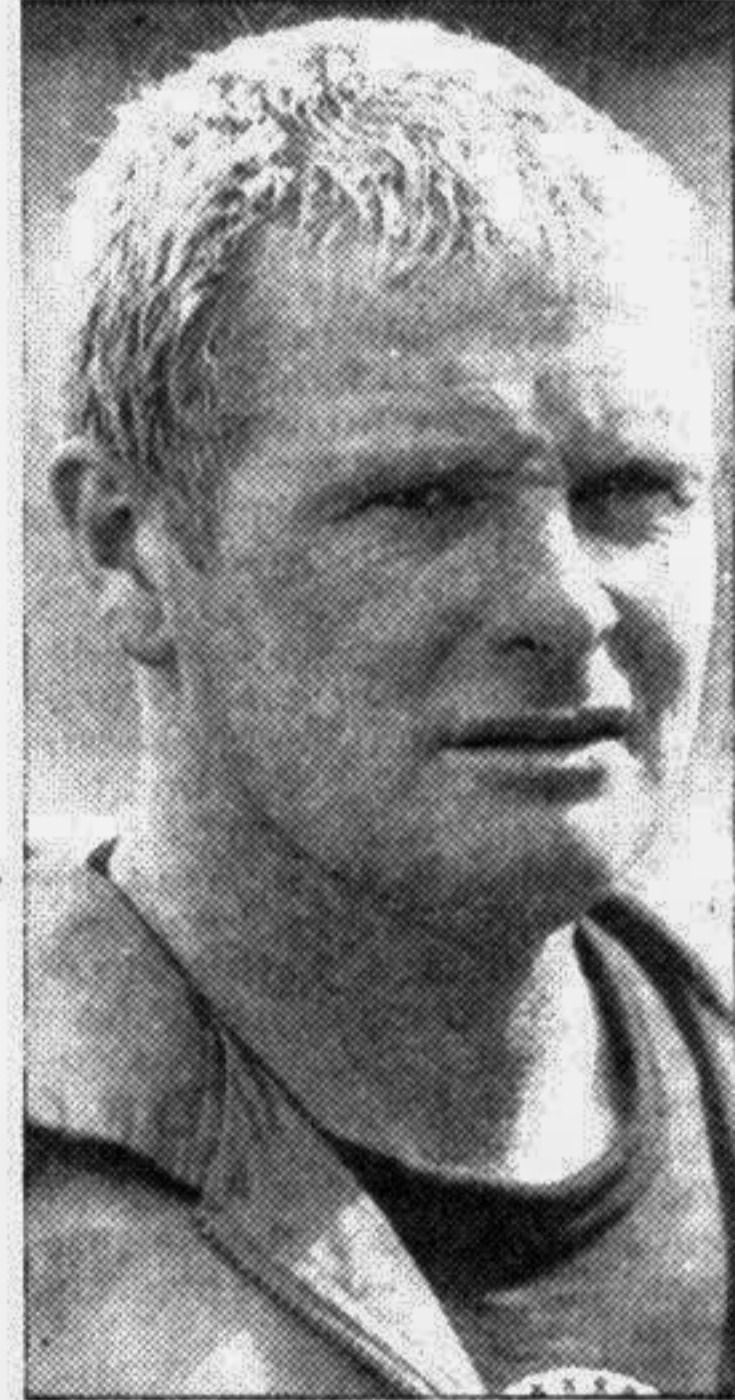
£ 2000 fine on Lara

LONDON, June 1: Warwickshire captain Brian Lara was fined 2,000 pounds (£3,200 dollars) by the English county today for turning up late and missing the Sunday League defeat by Somerset at Taunton, reports AFP.

Hodde tells the truth

LAMANGA, Spain, June 1 (AFP/Internet): England coach Glenn Hoddle insisted Monday that his shock decision to drop Paul Gascoigne was made for purely football and fitness reasons.

from what he has shown me in the last weeks, he is not fit. I am not too worried whether people fell I am right or wrong. I have to make the decision.



GASCOIGNE

This is becoming a bit of a Paul Gascoigne situation but there are five other players who have been left out as well.

Goalkeepers: David Seaman (Arsenal), Nigel Martyn (Leeds), Tim Flowers (Blackburn).

Saqlain does the rest

LONDON, June 1: Surrey cruised to their third English county championship win of the season Sunday when they completed a crushing innings defeat of Kent at The Oval, reports AFP.

Pakistan spinner Saqlain Mushtaq took Kent's last two wickets inside 25 minutes of the third day's play to keep Surrey top of the table as they recorded their first win over their visitors at The Oval for 12 years.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, June 1 (AFP): South Africa's Football Association has agreed to pay 400,000 rand (\$60,000 dollars) to Iceland for their last international friendly match before the World Cup begins.

The match will be played next Saturday in Stuttgart, Johannesburg's Sunday Times reported.

Bafana Bafana coach Philippe Troussier refused to give interviews after the team played a 1-1 draw on Saturday against a local German Second Division team, the Stuttgart Kickers.

At South Africa's training camp in Oberart in Germany's Black Forest, Troussier has banned his players from the tennis courts with the threat of a 5,000 rand (1,000 dollars) fine.

Tony Banks won't use his World Cup tickets as a protest against the way tickets have been allocated. He termed the ticketing system "a mess."

"I have got tickets," he said. "I actually am not going to go — quite deliberately not going to go — out of protest because of the way the (ticket) system operates or doesn't operate."

Banks said he would instead watch the World Cup on big screens with "a lot of other people."

Alex's concern Manchester United coach Alex Ferguson has doubts about the playing condition of England's injury-plagued striker Alan Shearer.

strong and resolute as he is cannot expect to jump back into top-level competition and perform as if he had never been away.

JAMAICA JOLTED Dwight Yorke stole the stage from World Cup bound Jamaica, as a group of Caribbean players upset the "Reggae Boyz" in their final tuneup for France.

Yorke scored a pair of second half goals Sunday to lift the CONCACAF Caribbean All-Stars to a 2-1 win over Jamaica before 38,624 at Giants Stadium.

We wish Jamaica the very best in the World Cup, said Yorke, a native of Trinidad and Tobago who plays for Aston Villa in the English Premier Division. "You can't judge them on this game. What's important is they learn from this and rise to the occasion in France."

WCSQUADS

UNDATED, June 1 (Internet/AF/Reuters): Saudi Arabia's Carlos Alberto Parrera has named the following 22 players for his France-bound team.

GOALKEEPERS: Mohammad Al-Daeya (Al-Tae), Hussein Sadoq (Qadissiyah), Taysir Al-Natif (Al-Nasr).

DEFENDERS: Mohammed Chliya (Al-Ahli), Ahmed Doukhi (Al-Hilal), Mohammed Khilawi (Al-Ittihad), Ahmed Jamil (Al-Ittihad), Abdallah Souleiman (Al-Ahli), Hussein Abdel Ghani (Al-Ahli), Abdel Aziz Al-Janoubi (Al-Nasr).

FORWARDS: Nawaf Al-Timiyyat (Al-Hilal), Sami Al-Jaber (Al-Hilal), Fahd Al-Mhalhel (Al-Chabaab), Youssef Thounayan (Al-Hilal), Sayed Al-Owairan (Al-Chabaab), Qubeid Al-Doussari (Al-Wehda), Ibrahim Soueid (Al-Ahli).

Champions play it safe

BILBAO, Spain, June 1: World champions Brazil gave another sloppy, disjointed performance as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Spanish club side Athletic Bilbao in a World Cup warm-up match on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Brazil showed the same lack of cohesion as they had done in their last full international, a 1-0 home defeat against a vastly superior Argentina last month.



Superstar Ronaldo (L) in action during Brazil's World Cup warm-up match against Athletic Bilbao at Bilbao on May 31. The match ended 1-1.

when they were criticised for their poor teamwork. On that occasion, coach Mario Zagallo said that "the Brazilian team were not on the field."

Bebeto started in Romario's place as Ronaldo's striking partner but Zagallo may have been more impressed with the performance of Edmundo, who replaced Bebeto midway through the second half and got more involved in the game.

Both are recovering from injury but guaranteed earlier on Sunday that they will be fit to face Scotland.

Even Ronaldo had an off day. He was repeatedly caught by Athletic's offside trap and when he finally beat it just before halftime, his shot went straight to the Athletic goalkeeper.

Zagallo fielded the same team which he has already announced will face Scotland in the opening World Cup match on Wednesday week, apart from the absence of striker and Romario and team captain Dunga.

But at the other end, Taffarel made up for his earlier misjudgement with three good saves which spared his country an embarrassing defeat.

Rajshahi sports

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, June 1: Allied Club, aided by a hatrick from Collins, recorded a thumping 7-0 win over Helenabad Club in the First Division football league at the local stadium today.

Zamorano bails Chile out

MONTEILMAR, France, June 1 (AFP/Internet): Striker Ivan Zamorano scored a late winner for Chile who beat Tunisia 3-2 in a World Cup warm-up here on Sunday.

Cameroon defeat Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG, June 1: World Cup finalists Cameroon powered to a well-deserved 2-0 win over Luxembourg in a friendly on Sunday, outclassing their opponents with their speed and strength, reports Reuters.

FIH's cause for concern

UTRECHT, Netherlands, June 1: Juan Angel Calzado, president of the FIH field hockey's ruling body, said he was worried here today that Pakistan would not be able to host this year's men's Champions Trophy, reports AFP.

ACB keeping an eye on Pakistan

MELBOURNE, June 1: The Australian Cricket Board is keeping in close contact with the government about events in Pakistan but said today it would be premature to make decisions about a planned tour in September, reports AFP.

Turkyilmaz moving to Turkey

ISTANBUL, June 18: Switzerland's top scorer Kubispolay Turkeyilmaz has agreed in principle on a transfer from Grasshoppers to Turkish side Istanbulspor, the club's general manager said today, reports Reuters.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 advertisement including Round 5 prizes like Sanyo Microwave Oven, Philips CD RCR AJ0 851, Philips Rice Cooker, and 4 dozen Philips Bulbs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptogram clue: O equals P. The Cryptogram 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.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Five. Includes a list of 16 questions about football, a table of prizes for Round Five, and a form for entering answers and contact information.