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Hodde hails Scholes

ESCOUBLAC, France, June 17: England coach Glenn Hodde was full of praise for his goalscoring midfielder Paul Scholes on Tuesday, describing him as versatile and a constant scoring threat, reports Reuters.

Speaking 24 hours after England beat Tunisia 2-0 in their World Cup Group G opener, Hodde said: "Paul was probably our best player. He scored a super goal and could have had a hat-trick."

Scholes scored late in the game after striker and captain Alan Shearer had given England the lead in the first half. "I am very pleased for him. He is the kind of player who can take it in his stride and just gets on with it."

Asked to describe what the 23-year-old brought to the team in the role left vacant by Paul Gascoigne's failure to get fit, Hodde said: "He is a real 'box' threat around the penalty area. He attacks from midfield and can get in there and score goals, but if you need to adapt the system, he can do that too."

"He can drop back and play on the left side of midfield. Yesterday, I expected them (Tunisia) to change it and play three players at one stage. If they had, Paul could have changed

his role to suit us if we changed our shape. "He has got a lot of options in his game. And he gives you quality too. He is also a very down-to-earth boy. He doesn't flash the cameras and the media."

Teddy Sheringham, who plays alongside Scholes for Manchester United, said his teammate "was not a typical footballer" as he kept himself to himself, preferred to stay out of the limelight and was little-known ever by his own teammates.

"But he is a very good player, very good, with a great appreciation of the game. He was outstanding for us, he can play one-touch, two-touch or he can keep the ball."

"The fact that he had some chances and did not score, but got a goal near the end tells you he is a good player. I think," he said. "It is always a sign."

Two of England's players, Tony Adams and Shearer suffered blistered feet in their opening match and rested on Tuesday. They were the only ones to wear studs instead of rubber soled boots.

GLENN HODDE

Asked about his decision to select winger Darren Anderton, who has been absent through injury for most of the season, and to drop midfielder David Beckham, Hodde became guarded and terse.

"I am not here to justify my decisions," he said. "He did well for us and now we are on to the next game," Sheringham said. Beckham, "was very down" after being dropped, but was now resilient and working hard to regain his place. "He's champing at the bit," Sheringham said.

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McDowell Cup Muktijoddha's

Sports Reporter Premier Division football champions Muktijoddha Sangsad have won the McDowell Cup in Calcutta yesterday.

According to a telephone message received here last night, Muktijoddhas, who posted a 2-0 victory over Bengal Mumbai Club in the first semi-final on June 14, were declared champions by the organising committee of the meet after violence marred the second semi-final between the two local giants East Bengal and Mohun Bagan. That game was abandoned on June 15. The final was scheduled for June 18.

The all-reds will return home this afternoon.

Azharuddin in Gaekwad's good books

COLOMBO, June 17: India are winning now because their captain Mohammed Azharuddin understands his players better, the Indian cricket coach said in a newspaper interview published Wednesday, reports AP.

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Test status in 2001?

Bangladesh is likely to get Test status in cricket by the year 2001, president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for Shipping Sabir Hossain Chowdhury said, reports BSS.

The BCB president was exchanging views with the journalists at the Board office yesterday after returning from London attending the annual conference of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The council was held at the ICC headquarters at Lord's from June 9 to 14.

Expressing his hopes to earn the status during the ICC conference next year, the BCB president said most of the countries supported Bangladesh's appeal.

He, however, said the ICC has formed a three-member committee to monitor Bangladesh's performance in one-day, three-and-four-day matches at home and abroad.

The three-members — Bob Simpson, Andrew Pycroft and Nasimul Ghani — will visit Bangladesh next month.

"We will have to stress on three-and-four-day matches to improve our stamina to play longer innings," he said adding, "We have no alternative to introducing 80-over-a-side match in the league instead of 50 overs at present."

The ICC monitoring committee will also inspect the development strategy, standard of

umpiring, facilities and performance of the team, the BCB president said.

The ICC will also monitor Bangladesh's performance in the World Cup to be held in England next year, the BCB president said adding that Bangladesh would remain busy for the whole year and even early next year keeping the World Cup and Commonwealth Games in mind.

He said a proposal of World Championship of Test cricket, raised by ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya, is now under consideration for the year 2001 or 2002 and the proposal will be

finalised in the executive committee meeting to be held in November or December this year.

Bangladesh has been included for the proposed World Championship. Nine Test playing countries and Bangladesh have been split into two groups with five teams in each group.

"We have proposed an Asian Test Championship of cricket for India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh either before the World Cup in June next year or in the year 2000," he said.

The Asian countries have agreed to organise this championship, but the decision for the meet would be taken in the next ICC meeting.

He said if the Asian championship be held before June next year, the Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Dhaka in March next year, would be deferred to November or December.

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Fingers crossed for Savicevic

SAINT GALMIER, France, June 17: Dejan Savicevic, the brightest star in AC Milan and Yugoslavia's goal machine, faces second World Cup heart-break of his career.

Yugoslavia's exclusion from international sport in the first half of the decade denied the Montenegrin midfielder of the chance to weave his magic in the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

It also meant a player the Italians call it genio (the genius) missed out on the 1996 European Championship in England.

Now it seems the fates are conspiring once more to ensure that injury robs the 31-year-old of a last chance to star on the international stage.

Savicevic missed Yugoslavia's first match here — a scrappy 1-0 win over Iran after a recurrence of a problem with the ligaments in his left knee he first developed during Milan's Italian Cup final defeat by Lazio earlier in the year.

Despite vigorous protestations of optimism from the Yugoslav coaching team all the signs are he will play no more than a peripheral role in the decisive group match against Germany in Lens on Sunday.

"It appeared to have cleared up but then ten days ago I felt the same pain", Savicevic said at Yugoslavia's France '98 base in this northern town.

On his prospects of facing the Germans Savicevic was far more guarded than the coaches who are counting on his return to provide the side with the kind of creative spark it badly missed against Iran.

"I will not decide until after

the last training session on Saturday but if I can't play I will just have to accept it, Savicevic told AFP.

"It will be very sad because this for sure will be my last World Cup, but if I play before I am ready that could be the end of my career."

If Savicevic misses again he does at least have the compensation of his memories of 1990 when the old Yugoslavia reached the quarter finals in 1990 and club career that most players can only dream of.

In 1994, when his inspirational performance helped Milan to rip Barcelona to pieces, Savicevic joined the elite club of players who have won European Champions Cup medals with two different clubs.

It is a match Savicevic remembers with pleasure but he says winning with Red Star Belgrade in 1991 was even more special.

"That was when I was at my peak physically and as a player," he recalled.

"When you see what Bulgaria managed to achieve (reaching the semi-finals) it makes you think that we could really have done something special."

Even if he does not play Savicevic is convinced the Yugoslavs will put up a better show against the Germans than they did against Iran.

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our first goal — which was to finish as leaders of our group. Norwegian coach, Egil Olsen made some fairly unpleasant comments about our team, so we'll be very determined to win the third and final match of the first round."

Denilson (19): "The team absolutely had to win tonight, so we've achieved our goal. We've found our rhythm and we'll improve as the tournament goes on. We played a good game and we have to keep this up. Despite the final score, Morocco posed a lot of problems for us and they deserve to qualify."

Cafu (2): "BRAZIL wants to win the World Cup and this game showed just how much. We benefited from a very lax Moroccan defence. This match will serve as a reference for us. Personally I've worked very hard to get to this level. When a player has the time to work on his game you can always see it in the score."

Leonardo (18): "After two matches, we've six points. We succeeded well in getting around the Moroccan obstacle by playing high quality football. I was very happy to be in the Brazil-

ian selection and I think I have earned my place. We still have five matches to go to win this World Cup. Ten rest days are hardly enough before we play the second round match at the Parc des Princes, which is home to me."

M Zagallo (Brazil coach): "We entered this match with a lot more confidence than against Scotland. Our game was efficient and joyful. I would like to congratulate Henri Michel and his team. Morocco is not one of the best teams but they still made it difficult for us. They played a fast game and it was a real pleasure to play a football match against such a team."

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