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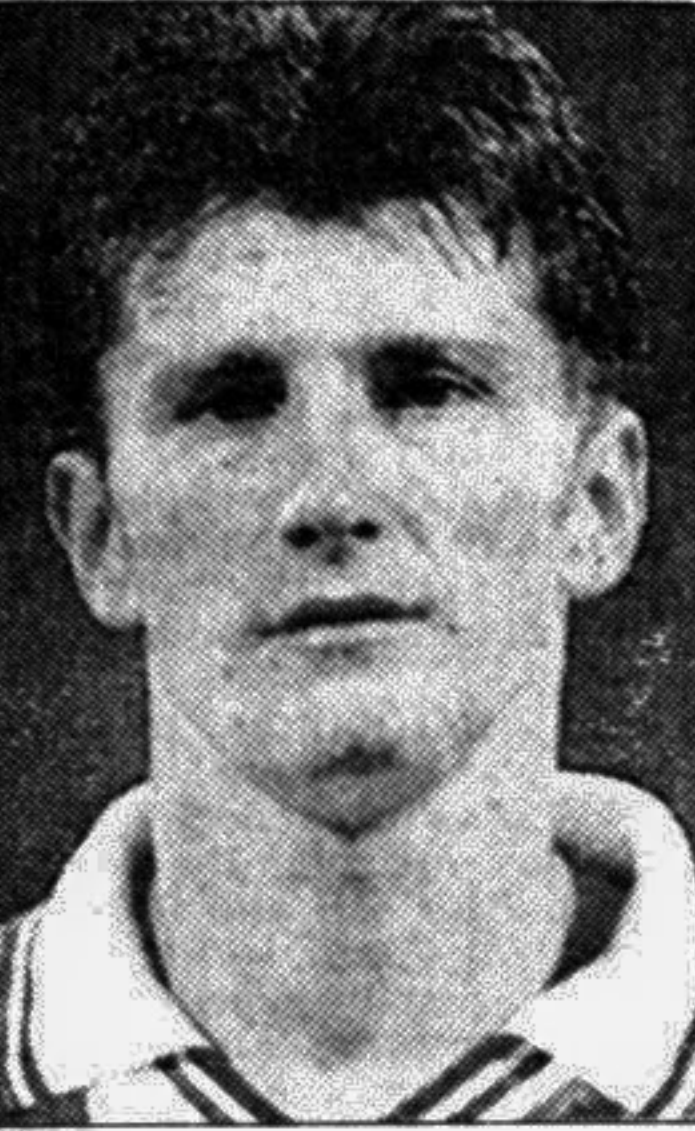
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SPORTS TALK



Davor Suker
(Croatian star striker)
"We really wanted to play the final, but now we have to concentrate and try to be third."

Lankans in England

LONDON, July 11: World champions Sri Lanka arrived in England Friday determined to prove — in the home of cricket — they are a new force in the game, reports AP.

Sri Lanka, who have never been invited to contest a Test series in England, will play South Africa and England in the triangular limited-overs series starting August 14 and a one-off Test against England at Lord's.

The 18-man squad is without leading fast bowler Chaminda Vaas, but contains internationally rated off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and batsmen Aravinda de Silva and Sanath Jayasuria.

Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga said England's batting collapses against South Africa in the current Test series had given his side encouragement.

"We are a very positive side but we don't want to start off saying we want to trash everyone. That's not the right thing," Ranatunga said.

Sri Lanka, who won the World Cup defeating Australia, the West Indies and Pakistan, have only played three Tests in England after 18 years in the international arena.

The previous Tests were played in 1984, 1988 and 1991 but Sri Lankan officials are targeting 2003 for a series.

Ranatunga played in the 1984 and 1988 Tests at Lord's and has captained Sri Lanka for the bulk of the last 10 years.

Diplomacy!

PARIS, July 11 (Reuters/AP): French President Jacques Chirac and Brazilian head of state Fernando Henrique Cardoso exchanged letters ahead of Sunday's World Cup final and said the match will tighten ties between the two countries whatever the result.

"Destiny, propelled by the skill and talent of our players, wanted France and Brazil to meet in the final of this extraordinary World Cup," President Cardoso said.

Office hockey

Sonali Bank Cup upset holders Sadharan Bima KS 3-1 and newcomers Blue Berry Travels earned a facile 3-0 win over Bangladesh Army on the opening day of the Shah Sports office hockey super league yesterday, reports UNE.

Star-studded Blue Berry Travels, which reached the super league as Group A runners-up with two wins and a loss, forced the Armymen to taste their first defeat in the tourney in their super league opener at the Hockey Stadium.

In the day's other match, the Group A champions Sadharan Bima KS suffered their first defeat in the competition against Sonali Bank who led the first half 2-0.



THE PRESSMEN'S MOST WANTED: A large group of photographers and reporters watch the defending world champions Brazil in practice at Ozoir la Ferriere on July 10. —AFP photo

THE TACTICIANS

PARIS, July 11 (AFP): Profile of the coaches in the Brazil World Cup final here on Sunday.

MARIO ZAGALLO, Brazil
If he ever smiles, Mario Jorge Lobo Zagallo keeps it between himself and his shaving mirror, once asked if he was in a bad mood, Zagallo replied: "Yes I am. And I was in a bad mood in 1958. I was in a bad mood in 62. I was in a bad mood in 70 and in '94."

Those dates correspond with his biggest triumphs and the grumpy old man of the World Cup sees no reason why he can't pick up a fifth World Cup this summer.

With the exception of Pele, the driving force behind three wins, Zagallo, who turns 67 in August, deserves the epithet of Brazil's Mr Football.

It was his privilege to be coach of the greatest team of all time, when Pele and company ripped apart a highly-talented Italy side in the 1970 final in Mexico.

And four years ago he was involved again as assistant to Carlos Alberto Parreira when a 24-year-barron spell faded away in the heat of Pasadena as Brazil again triumphed, albeit far less spectacularly, over the Italians in USA '94.

But Zagallo was no mean player either, picking up winners' medals alongside a teenage Pele in Sweden in 1958 and again in Chile in 1962, wrecking havoc on the left wing for the Brazilians.

With his subsequent coaching exploits he is the only man to have featured in four World Cup triumphs.

Yet, contrary to what one might expect of the man entrusted once again with the task of conducting the world's greatest entertainers in the samba beat, Zagallo is no dreamy soccer romantic.

To him, flair and hard work must co-exist in equal measure and discipline is his watchword.

And we betide anyone who ignores the code of the man born in the northern coastal town of Macao who made his name with America, Flamengo and Botafogo.

With such talent in the squad, the intriguing question is how far natural Brazilian brilliance can gel with Zagallo's innate caution.

And what price flair for a man who believes that "We must remain compact" and "I'd rather play an ugly game and win than

pretty football and lose"

Zagallo's love of hard toil has earned him the nickname "formiguiinha" — little ant — and when ants all pull together, few burdens, even retaining the title, are too great to bear.

AIME JACQUET, France
Aime Jacquet foretold his own future when he took over as coach after France's failure to qualify for USA '94. Nobody believed him when he said he

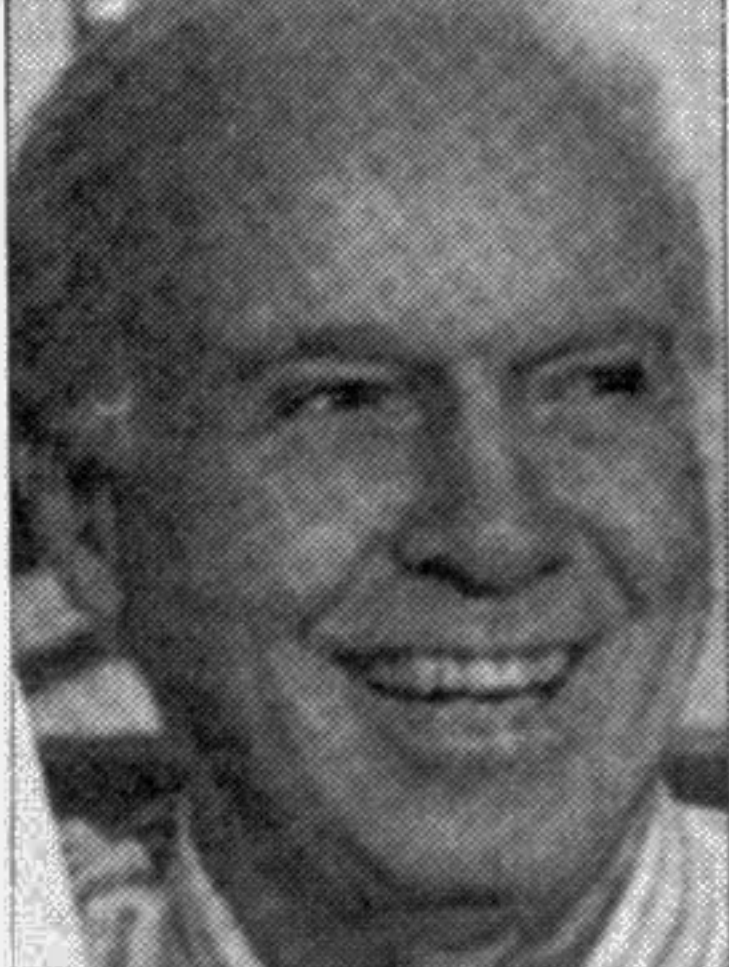
scored both goals in the semi-final win over Croatia.

"Where the goals come from doesn't matter," Jacquet said after the match.

A month before the World Cup finals Jacquet was already relishing a triumphant end to a difficult term as coach.

"My sporting life is not over, but it will be on July 13," Jacquet said.

"It will be perfect as I will



MARIO ZAGALLO

would lead France to World Cup glory on home soil four years on and then retire.

He will retire after Sunday's final — and only a win in one match stands between his team and history.

The 57-year-old Jacquet took over from Gerard Houllier after France. Lost to Bulgaria in Paris in the last minute of their final qualifier for the 1994 World Cup.

Jacquet stepped into the breach and the media immediately put his feet to the fire.

When France failed to reach the final of Euro '96 the temperate rose and L'Equipe, the bible of French sports, has been trying to get him sacked ever since.

The problem is, Jacquet has constructed the best defence in the world, and true to the only strategy known to sport, he has played to his strengths.

His greatest failing — if it can be blamed on the coach alone — is his inability to solve the riddle of France's front-line strikers.

Most of the goals are coming from midfield and even defence and Thierry Henry of Monaco is the only attacker who has scored more than one goal.

Lilian Thuram, a defender,



AIME JACQUET

have taken a lap of honour with the French team the night before at the Stade de France.

His predictions and his team selections have been scoffed at, and Jacquet, who is not very good at thinking on his feet, and dealing with the media in a glib and comfortable fashion, bears a deep grudge against the French press corps.

Football has been his life. Jacquet played for Lyon and St Etienne in the French league during the 1960s and early 70s and won two caps for France as a midfielder. He was a modest performer rather than an exceptional player.

His playing days are over, but his interest in football as an intellectual, rather than physical challenge grew.

He coached at Lyon, Bordeaux and Montpellier before being appointed as French coach in January 1994.

Much to the dismay of his detractors, he proved to be his own man, refusing to bow to public or media pressure and rejecting the claims of star names like Eric Cantona and David Ginola in favour of a collective work ethic that has paid handsome dividends as France approach their final against Brazil.

Cairns Trophy Scotland's

Sports Reporter
Scotland clinched the Cairns Trophy one-day series with a comfortable seven-wicket victory in the second match against Bangladesh in Edinburgh yesterday, according to BBC Radio.

Chasing a paltry Bangladesh total of 97 in 50 overs, the home side, who took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series with a 39-run victory over the tourists in the first match on July 4, went on to make 99 with seven wickets in hand.

Earlier, batting first, Bangladesh were bundled out for a meagre 97 with middle-order Faruque Ahmed collecting highest 50.

The last match of the series will be played at the same venue today.

BHF names 42 for C'wealth Games

Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday picked 42 players to form a national team for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Malaysia next September, reports UNB.

The selected players are Md Javed, Russel Khan Bapli, L/Nk Jahangir Alam, Ayenul Islam, Mamun-ur Rashid, Mahfuz Alam, Nizkon, Isha Miah, Rafiqun Nabi, Nikib, Ishtiaq Ahmad Shipu, Munir Hossain Munir, Selim Lakabe, Bulbul Islam, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Shahid Ullah Khokon, Khurshid Alam, Mahbub Haroon, Ashiquzzaman, Musa Miah, Mirajul Ahsan, Tutul Kumar Nag, Giasuddin Rubel, Sheikh Ramijuddin, Rafiqul Islam Kamal, Md Sadeq, Alamgir Alam, Mahjibul Islam Shiplool, Mujibul Ehsan Rana, Shahidullah Titu, Md Jamil, Ziaur Rahman, Ismail Hossain, Ashiqur Rahman Rajib, Ariful Haq Prince, Moududur Rahman Shuvo, Rubel Kabir, Shamsuz zaman Khokon, Shamim Reza, Ashiq Intiaz Bhulu, L/Nk Sirajul Islam, L/Nk Abdul Salam, L/Nk Wahid and Nk Moksudul Haq.

The players have been asked to join the trial at the National Hockey Stadium tomorrow at 3 pm with their kits.

Schools kabadi

Maniknagar Model School beat Kamalapur Railway High by 81-47 points with six lonas in the All Sports 8th School Kabaddi tournament at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court on Saturday, reports UNB.

Sunday's matches: Haider Ali School & College vs Tami-juddin High School (5 pm), Sharmeen Textiles Model High vs Rifles Public School & College (5:45 pm).

Tri-nation cricket India-Windies opener

MUMBAI, July 11: India clash with the West Indies in the opening match of the tri-nation limited-over cricket tournament to be held at Kuala Lumpur from July 25 to August 2, reports PTI.

Zimbabwe are the third team in the tournament being held as a dress rehearsal for the September Commonwealth Games to be held at the Malaysian capital and in which cricket makes its debut.

The tri-nation itinerary is:
First round
July 25: India v West Indies
July 26: Zimbabwe v India
July 27: West Indies v Zimbabwe
Second round
July 29: India v Zimbabwe
July 30: West Indies v Zimbabwe
July 31: India v West Indies
Aug 2: Final.

Zia regains nat'l title



ZIAUR RAHMAN
Mintu (7 pts) for 7th and 8th, Lavlu vs IWM Rani Hamid (6

International Master Ziaur Rahman emerged unbeaten champion in the 24th national chess competition with thirteen and half points after the final round at NSC conference room yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's 15th round match, Zia of Biman beat Hasibul Hasan Hanif of Titas Club in 22 moves.

Abdullah al-Rakib of Leonine Chess Club became runner-up with twelve and half points. He drew with IM Reefat bin Sattar of Biman.

Defending champion Enamul Hossain Rajib of Leonine finished third securing eleven and half points. He beat Saifuddin Lavlu of Titas.

Other positions decided after day's round were: 6th position — Mahufuzur Rahman Emon (8 pts), 9th — Monir Hossain (7 pts), 15th — Sheikh Nasir Ahmed (4 1/2 pts), and 16th — Arman Monir (1 1/2 pts).

The remaining position de-

cing play-off matches will be held today. The lineups are: Reefat vs Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu (10 pts) for 4th and 5th positions, Palash vs current runner-up Amjad Hossain

CHAMPIONS

- 1974: Mian Abdus Salek
- 1975: Dr Mirza Akmal Hossain
- 1976: Dr Mirza Akmal Hossain
- 1978: FM Rezaul Haq
- 1979: GM Niaz Murshed
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- 1982: GM Niaz Murshed
- 1983: FM Jamilur Rahman
- 1984: FM Yunus Hasan
- 1985: Syed Ahmed Sohail
- 1986: IM Zillur Rahman Champak
- 1987: IM Zillur Rahman Champak
- 1988: IM Ziaur Rahman
- 1989: FM Rezaul Haq
- 1990: FM Syed Tahmidur Rahman
- 1991: IM Reefat Bin Sattar
- 1992: IM Reefat Bin Sattar
- 1993: IM Reefat Bin Sattar
- 1994: IM Ziaur Rahman
- 1995: IM Reefat Bin Sattar
- 1996: IM Ziaur Rahman
- 1997: Enamul Hossain Rajib
- 1998: IM Ziaur Rahman.

Mission impossible in 2002

PARIS, July 10 (AFP/Internet): Organisers of the 2002 World Cup said on Friday they would overcome the "impossible" task of hosting the tournament in two different countries to make the next World Cup bigger and better than France '98.

The logistics are not simple for 2002. It's a mission impossible," said Sun-ichiro Okano, vice president of the Japanese Football Association.

"But with a bit of Asian 'candor' spirit, we will achieve our goal."

Park Seh-jik, chairman of the Korean organising committee, said the lessons of France 98 would be studied and the Japan-South Korea joint World Cup would be the best yet.

"This tournament has been a fantastic success," he said. "We will take on board the lessons of France 98 and make it even better."

The few problems they have had, such as ticketing, will be ironed out by 2002.

He said that the logistics of organising the World Cup for

the first time in two countries would present problems no other tournament organisers had ever faced.

"France can be very proud of what has been achieved here. In Japan and Korea the problems will be magnified, but the success will be bigger and better as a result," he said.

Park, who planned the Seoul Olympics in 1988 as head of the organising committee, said North Korea would be welcome to host some games but the initiative to bring Pyongyang into the World Cup had so far met little success.

"It is on the table, and we are ready to talk about it," he said. "But it has gone no further than that."

Asia's financial crisis would not stand in the way of World Cup success Okana said.

"Our determination to make this a success goes beyond the current circumstances," he said. "In four years time things will be different."

Shoh Nasu, chairman of the Japanese Organising Committee, said the event would be "historic."

"The first World Cup in Asia will be the first of the new century," he said. "It's also the first time the tournament has been shared between two countries. It's an historic occasion."

WC suicide

HANOI, July 11 (AP): A sugar mill owner hanged himself after losing his operation in a bet, becoming the second person to commit suicide in Vietnam over a bad World Cup wager, the Thanh Nien (Youth) newspaper reported Saturday.

The man, who was not identified, had been convinced that Germany was a sure bet in the round of eight last Sunday, but Croatia scored a 3-0 upset.

It was not clear how big the sugar mill was. Efforts to contact local officials by telephone Saturday were unsuccessful.

A 24-year-old man earlier hanged himself after losing his motorcycle on the Germany-Yugoslavia match. There also has been at least one attempted suicide over the World Cup.

Cautiously confident

PARIS, July 11 (AFP/Internet): Mario Zagallo was making a determined effort to keep his team's feet on the ground on Friday as they held their last public training session before Sunday's World Cup final against France, reports Reuters.

The Brazilian team were oozing confidence after finishing training which, as usual, was held before a crowd of about 3,000 fans, a mixture of curious locals and travelling Brazilians.

Several players, including goalkeeper Taffarel, midfielder Cesar Sampaio and Bebeto, said they believed that their team would have God on their side.

In the midst of it all, Zagallo said he was confident — but not over-confident.

"It will be a disaster for us if we do not win but we will win," he said. "We have reached the final of the World Cup but all this counts for nothing if we don't win the final."

"I'm not over-confident, I'm just confident and this is what I

want to pass on to everyone. We all have our feet on the ground."

Midfielder Cesar Sampaio admitted he was not really anticipating anything other than a Brazilian victory.

"I really don't know how I would take a defeat. The negative side always lasts longer than the positive. If we had lost to the Netherlands, we would still be suffering but we won and we have already forgotten about that and are thinking about another game."

A danger facing Brazil is that they could relax against France as they appear to believe that in beating Denmark and the Netherlands in the last two rounds, "they have done the difficult part."

Zagallo said that France's Zinedine Zidane was a danger but added: "We have got lots of players like him. France has got one Zidane but Brazil have several Zidanases."

Brazil, with no suspensions to worry about, will be at full strength on Sunday, even though several players are nursing minor knocks.

Striker Ronaldo, who underwent a hydrotherapy session in a local swimming pool on Thursday because of a bruised thigh, again trained separately at the other end of the pitch from his teammates.

Team doctor Lidio Toledo emphasised there was no question of the team's superstar missing the showdown with France. He suffered the injury during Tuesday's semifinal win over the Netherlands.

Reserve forward Edmundo, who suffered a knock on his back during training on Thursday, did not train but Toledo said he would also be fit for Sunday.

Cesar Sampaio and central defender Junior Baiano, who also missed training on Thursday, returned to the fold on Friday.

Third-place play-off retained

PARIS, July 11 (AFP/Internet): The future of the World Cup third-place play-off match is assured if France 98 organising committee co-president Michel Platini and UEFA president Lennart Johansson have their way.

Amid rumblings that the game was an unnecessary extra, Platini looked back to when he took part in the matches of 1982 and 1986.

"I think it should be kept. I believe third place is important psychologically," said Platini, who recalled being mercilessly teased by former Juventus teammate Zbigniew Boniek after Poland beat the French in 1982.

Ortega not on MU's list

MANCHESTER, England, July 11 (AFP/Internet): Argentinean playmaker Ariel Ortega will not be joining English Premiership giants Manchester United, Old Trafford boss Alex Ferguson said Saturday.

But Ferguson, who is looking to reinforce his midfield with a major overseas signing, said simply: "We're not interested."

Spurs were not after Kluivert

LONDON, July 11: Premier League football club Tottenham Hotspur Friday dismissed reports linking the club with a 7.5 million pound (12.45 million dollars) offer for Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert, reports AP.

Tottenham director David Pleat said Spurs had not negotiated a deal for Kluivert with his Italian club AC Milan.

But Pleat drew immediate criticism from Spurs fans by saying Ronald De Boer, the only Dutch international he wanted to sign, was "ungettable."

World Cup capsules: 1930-94

PARIS, July 11 (Reuters): A brief history of the 15 previous World Cup finals 1930-1994:

1930: Uruguay 4 Argentina 2. Montevideo, July 30, 93,000.

The first World Cup final was won by hosts Uruguay who went ahead after 12 minutes through Pablo Dorado but found themselves 2-1 down by halftime when Carlos Peucelle and Guillermo Stabile scored for Argentina.

Uruguay equalised through Pedro Cea after 57 minutes and went 3-2 up with a brilliantly executed 25-metre goal from Santos Iriarte "El Canario" after 68 minutes. "Manco" Castro, the one-armed striker, scored the fourth in the final minute.

1934: Italy 2 Czechoslovakia 1. Rome, June 10, 55,000. The second World Cup final decided in extra time looked to be heading Czechoslovakia's way after they took the lead in the 70th minute through Antonin Puc but, after Jirisebotka missed a golden chance to make it 2-0, Italy equalised through Raimundo Orsi in the closing minutes.

Angelo Schiavio scored the winner in the 95th minute to close off a tournament used by fascist dictator Benito Mussolini as a political propaganda tool.

1938: Italy 4 Hungary 2. Paris, June 19, 55,000.

Italy's side contained only two survivors from 1934 — Giuseppe Meazza and Giovanni Ferrari — but coach Vittorio Pozzo considered his new team a better outfit. They retained the Cup in style, racing into a 3-1 half-time lead with two goals from Gino Colaussi and one from Silvio Piola. Pal Titkos had equalised at 1-1 for the Hungarians.

Hungary narrowed the lead to 3-2 in the 70th minute through Gyorgy Sarosi but Piola wrapped up victory with his second goal and Italy's fourth eight minutes from time.

1950: Uruguay 2 Brazil 1. Rio de Janeiro, July 16, 199,584.

The World Cup final that wasn't strictly speaking it was only the final match in the pool of four finalists which also comprised Sweden and Spain. Brazil would have been world champions if the match had been drawn.

The largest crowd ever assembled to watch a football match — variously reported as anything between 199,000 and 220,000 — fully expected a victory at the Maracana and Brazil duly took the lead after 47 minutes through Friaca.

But Uruguay fought back with Juan Schiaffino equalising after 66 minutes and Edgardo Ghiggia scoring the shock winner 11 minutes from time.

1954: West Germany 3 Hungary 2. Bern, July 4, 60,000.

Hungary came to the final unbeaten in 31 matches in four years, a record which included an 8-3 win over the Germans in the first round of the tournament.

After they went 2-0 ahead inside eight minutes with goals from Ferenc Puskas and Zoltan Czibor, they seemed set to add the World Cup to the Olympic title they had won in 1952. But the Germans struck back immediately through Max Morlock after 10 minutes and Helmut Rahn on 19 minutes. The scores stayed level until five minutes from time when Rahn scored the winner to give the Germans their first World Cup

success.

1958: Brazil 5 Sweden 2. Stockholm, June 29, 49,737.

Brazil became the first and so far only team to win the World Cup outside their own continent with their 5-2 win over hosts Sweden, including two goals from the 17-year-old Pele.

Sweden, following Brazil in 1950 and Hungary in 1954, scored first and lost. Nils Liedholm put them ahead after only four minutes but, before Sweden scored again 11 minutes from time, Vava (twice), Pele and current Brazil coach Mario Zagallo had scored for the South Americans. Pele himself added the fifth with a last minute header.

1962: Brazil 3 Czechoslovakia 1. Santiago, June 17, 68,679.

Injured Pele missed the final but Brazil were still far too strong for Czechoslovakia, who in keeping with World Cup tradition, scored first — through Jozef Masopust — and lost.

Within two minutes of them taking the lead, Brazil were level with a goal from Amarildo and after that there was only going to be one winner. Zito headed the second after 69 minutes and Vava became the first man to score in two World Cup finals when goalkeeper Viliam Schroff, blinded by the sun, lost the ball and allowed the Brazilian striker to make it 3-1.

1966: England 4 West Germany 2. London, July 30, 93,000.

Hosts England won the World Cup at Wembley with a 4-2 victory over West Germany, best remembered three decades later for their third goal scored

by Geoff Hurst.

Whether the ball crossed the line after hitting the cross-bar will forever be debated.

Germany scored first after 13 minutes through Helmut Haller before Hurst headed an equaliser six minutes later. Martin Peters put England 2-1 ahead 12 minutes from time before Wolfgang Weber equalised with the last kick of normal time. Hurst's two extra time goals make him the only player ever to scored a hatrick in the final.

1970: Brazil 4 Italy 1. Mexico City, June 21, 107,000.

Brazil produced what was probably the greatest exhibition ever seen from a national side, going ahead through Pele's powerful header after 18 minutes. After an anxious period in the middle of the match, they demolished Italy with some scintillating football.

Roberto Boninsegna brought Italy level after a mistake in the Brazilian defence on 37 minutes but there was no stopping Brazil in the second half. Gerson (66), Jairzinho (71) and Carlos Alberto (86) added three more goals as Brazil won the Jules Rimet Cup for the third time. Ja Jairzinho became the first player to score in every round, including the final.

1974: West Germany 2 Netherlands 1. Munich, July 7, 77,000.

The Dutch took the lead before a German had touched the ball, with Johan Neeskens scoring in the first minute from a penalty, the first ever awarded in a World Cup final.

But the total football of the Netherlands was undone by the pragmatism of the Germans. Paul Breitner equalised with

the second penalty of the match after 25 minutes and Gerd Mueller scored the winner two minutes before half-time.

1978: Argentina 3 Netherlands 1. Buenos Aires, June 25, 76,000.

Again the Dutch reached the final, again they played the host nation and again they lost.

This time they had no defence against Mario Kempes who capped an outstanding tournament with two goals. The first put Argentina 1-0 up and the second gave them back the lead after Dick Nanninga's 82nd minute goal had forced extra time.

Deniel Bertoni clinched victory with Argentina's third five minutes from the end of extra time.

1982: Italy 3 West Germany 1. Madrid, July 11, 99,000.

Italy had started the 1982 finals slowly with three successive draws in the first round. But then Paolo Rossi just back in the side after suspension following his involvement in a bribery scandal, began scoring.

He hit three in the second round against Brazil (3-2), two in the semifinal against Poland (2-0) and the first in the final against West Germany. Marco Tardelli and Alessandro Altobelli scored the others. Antonio Cabrini became the first player to miss a penalty in the World Cup final. Paul Breitner, as he had done in 1974, scored for the Germans.

1986: Argentina 3 West Germany 2. Mexico City, June 29, 114,000.

Diego Maradona did not score in the final but he played an inspirational part in the vic-

tory as Argentina established a 2-0 lead through Jose-Luis Brown and Jorge Valdano. But goals from Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Rudi Voeller put West Germany level with only eight minutes left to play.

But with five minutes to go, Maradona created time and space for himself in the Middle of the pitch and fed the ball through to Jorge Burruchaga, who raced on to score past Toni Schumacher, a glorious goal to win a pulsating final.

1990: West Germany 1 Argentina 0. Rome, July 8, 75,000.

For the first and only time the same two countries met in successive finals. But whereas their 1986 meeting was a classic, the 1990 final was a travesty. The football was poor, the Argentines cynical, the Germans unable to take control until Andreas Brehemes' 83rd minute penalty.

Argentina became the first team to fail to score in the final and the first to end it with less than 11 men — having Pedro Monzon and Gustavo Dezotti sent off.

1994: Brazil 0 Italy 0. Los Angeles, July 17, 94,000.

Brazil won the World Cup for the first time in 24 years but their success had little in common with the glorious display of 1970 apart from being against the same opposition.

Both teams tried to play good football but the heat, the players' exhaustion and some bad luck from both sets of forwards failed to produce a goal in two hours.

The last memory is of Roberto Baggio blasting the ball over the bar with his penalty in the shoot-out, giving Brazil a 3-2 victory.