

## Sport

## Double it or I quit'

LONDON, Feb 10 (Internet): Chelsea defender Frank Leboeuf is threatening to quit the club this summer unless his near £20,000-a-week wages are doubled.

The French World Cup stalwart chose to air his grievance on the eve of tonight's Wembley friendly against England.

"Ken Bates likes to say I was the deal of his life," said Leboeuf, signed for £2.5million from Strasbourg two-and-a-half years ago.

That pleases me and I'm very happy at Chelsea.

"But I don't want to be the club crier. I won't be a dog's body for anyone," he told the magazine France Football. "I signed a very good contract when I came to

Stamford Bridge. I've doubled it since and I hope to quadruple it soon.

"But if the directors don't make an effort I may think about leaving. We'll see at the end of the season."

Leboeuf is one of the poor relations of the World Cup-winning squad.

The 31-year-old, whose salary is almost £1million, is not prepared to be left standing by the likes of Marcel Desailly who earns £2m a year — Gianfranco Zola and Pierluigi Casiraghi.

The stylish defender was former manager Ruud Gullit's first signing and any discord at the London club will alert Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier, who may have better fortune in luring him to Anfield than his predecessor Roy Evans last year.

It was Liverpool's attempt to snatch Leboeuf after his World Cup triumph that earned the player his most recent hike.

## Bafana Bafana opt for rookies

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 10 (Reuters/ Internet): South Africa named an inexperienced squad of 20 on Wednesday for their Cosas Castle Cup match away against Botswana in Gabone on February 20.

The squad includes 10 uncapped players, most of whom are called up for the first time.

Coach Trott Moloto has been forced to leave out the majority of his foreign-based contingent because they will be needed a week later when South Africa play Gabon in an African Nations Cup qualifying match.

John Moeti, who missed South Africa's last match because of a suspension, returns as captain in place of Lucas Radebe of English club Leeds United.

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Brian Baloyi, Simon Gopane, and John Tlale.

Defenders: Matthew Booth, Michael Manzini, Fabian McCarthy, Themba Mnguni, Aaron Mokoena.

Midfielders: Delron Buckley, Thiyelile Gulwa, Steve Lekole, Thabo Mngomeni, John Moeti, McDonald Mukansi, Alfred Phiri, Godfrey Sapula.

Strikers: Kerryn Jordan, Pellen Ndlanya, Sibusiso Zuma.

## Chase after Salgado

VIGO, Spain, Feb 10 (Reuters/ Internet): Celta Vigo's Spanish international defender Michel Salgado is being chased by both Juventus and Real Madrid, the player said on Wednesday.

Speaking on Spanish radio, Salgado said: "Celta knows that I have had offers from Juventus and Real Madrid... but I have a contract with Celta and signed nothing with anybody at the moment."

Celta have ruled out any move before the summer.

"We are not talking to anyone about this matter before June, and anyone who wants Michel will not get him for less than his buy-out clause of 2,000 million pesetas (\$13.7 million)," Celta vice-president Francisco Hernandez reiterated on Wednesday.

Salgado, 23, has for several years been considered to be among Spain's most promising players and made his full international debut in September.

However he first gained international notoriety for a tackle last February which broke Juninho's ankle and ruled Atletico Madrid's Brazilian midfielder out of World Cup contention.

## Dumitrescu bids bye to soccer

BUCHAREST, Feb 10: Romanian striker Ilie Dumitrescu, whose two goals against Argentina at the 1994 World Cup turned him into a national hero, is retiring for personal reasons, his club Steaua Bucharest said Tuesday, reports AP.

Despite a glittering career, the 30-year-old Dumitrescu has been bothered by repeated injuries and a lacklustre form in recent months.

He played abroad for four years with England's Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United, Sevilla of the Spanish Primera Liga and Mexico's Atlante before returning to Steaua Bucharest, which he played before his international career, in September.

Known in Romania for his love of fast cars and Italian clothes, Dumitrescu became a national figure after he unexpectedly scored two crucial goals against Argentina to lead Romania to a 3-2 victory and into the quarterfinals in the 1994 World Cup—their best finish.

But by last year's World Cup in France, Dumitrescu's form was shaky. He played only one half of one game — against Tunisia. Romania drew 1-1 with Tunisia and was knocked out by Croatia in the second round.



Henry Zambrano (L) of Colombia comes under a tackle from German defender Marko Rehmer during their international friendly in Miami on February 9. —AFP photo

## Odds on the tourists



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It all points to a first ever Wembley victory for World Cup holders France over England on Wednesday.

Last week the English fired their coach, Glenn Hoddle, amid public outrage over his reported comments about the disabled.

Although Howard Wilkinson was named temporary manager for Wednesday's friendly while the embattled Football Association finds a successor, English soccer appears in turmoil.

The team is struggling in third place in its European Championship qualifying group and Wilkinson, given the job to boost the dwindling confidence of the fans, has reverted to an old-style defensive formation which includes three Arsenal players with a combined age of 95.

Lee Dixon, who turns 35 next month, has been recalled after six years to join up with 32-year-olds Tony Adams and Martin Keown. If 35-year-old Nigel Winterburn joins them from the bench, France will face an all-Arsenal back line in front of Gunners goalkeeper David Seaman, who also has been recalled.

Arsenal could have as many as eight players on the field, with France expected to line up with Gunners stars Emmanuel

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groups, government ministers and other lawmakers joined newspapers in calling for Hodde to go and the Football Association fired him.

While the English hope to put a week of anguish behind them, the French are out to prove their World Cup triumph was no fluke.

Since taking over from Aimé Jacquet, coach Roger Lemerre has taken the team through five games unbeaten, including three in the European Championship qualifying round and his big stars will enjoy playing in the wide open spaces of Wembley.

Anelka, who scored Arsenal's second at the home of English soccer in last season's FA Cup final, knows the stadium well and relishes the chance of leading the attack in the absence of the injured Lilian

Laslandes.

If Owen and Shearer fail to break through the French defense, Andy Cole and Robbie Fowler, who have scored 30 goals between them this season, wait their chance to impress after being left out of the England line-up under Hoddle.

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A high-powered French lineup meets the English at their weakest following last week's extraordinary departure of Hoddle. He was fired over remarks reported in the Times of London in which he suggested that the disabled were being punished "for the sins of an earlier life."

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