

## SPORTS TALK



## Bishen Singh Bedi

(Former Indian cricketer)  
"Seriously, I can't imagine how Azhar can look straight into the eyes of his colleagues, leave alone passing the buck."

On Indian captain Azharuddin

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Brothers Union and Farashgan SC moved to the second round of the Pedrollo 15th Federation Cup Football tournament winning their respective group finals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Brothers Union Club emerged group C champions beating Shantinagar Club 3-2.

In the day's Group D final match, Farashgan Sporting Club defeated Dhamondi Club 1-0.

## Life after football

STUTTGART, May 22: (Reuters) Jürgen Klinsmann, who provided a symbol for German efficiency for over a decade, has no regrets as he leaves a world not tailored to his sensitive, subtle temperament.

"I don't need this whole business anymore," said the former Germany captain, who bids farewell on Monday in Stuttgart, where he learned his trade before embarking on a footballing journey across Europe.

Not as eccentric as other world stars such as Diego Maradona or Paul Gascoigne and not as loud as his great rival in the hearts of German fans, Lothar Matthäus, Klinsmann was never the average football player.

He nevertheless won worldwide recognition over the years for his formidable scoring instinct on the pitch and his intelligence and delicate manners off it.

"This is my work, not my life," he once said of football. "This is a shining world but sooner or later, the lights go out and real life starts."

After scoring 47 goals in 108 internationals and winning almost everything a footballer can dream of, he retired after Germany's disastrous campaign at last year's World Cup finals in France.

The German Soccer Federation (DFB) denied him an official farewell game, saying the schedule of the national team was too tight.

"It hurt a bit but the match in Stuttgart will be fun," said Klinsmann, now 34.

A team of world stars featuring such great names as Ruud Gullit, Kevin Keegan and Rudi Völler will face a VfB Stuttgart selection with past and present heroes of the club including Krassimir Balakov, Dunga and Matthias Sammer.

"Jürgen has done an awful lot for German football and he deserves this kind of tribute," said former Germany head coach Berti Vogts, who will coach the world stars team.

Klinsmann's finest moments came in 1990 and 1996, when he helped Germany to triumphs in the World Cup finals in Italy and the European championship in England respectively.

For many, his retirement marked the end of an era and left troubled Germany facing hard times to win back their place in the world's elite.

The blond-haired striker also enjoyed success at club level with prestigious outfits such as Inter Milan, Monaco, Bayern Munich and on a personal level with Tottenham Hotspur.

Never perhaps was he as strong than during his first spell with Spurs in the 1994-95 season which began with a critique of "Klinsmann" and ended with him being named the English footballer of the year after scoring 29 Cup and league goals.

He was the talisman of an exciting, attacking team and brilliantly won the English media over to his side.

Criticised earlier that summer for falling a little too easily during the World Cup and beaten in the English media for those antics, he actually started his first news conference in London without waiting for the first question from the re-

porters present.

"Maybe I can ask you the first question. Are there any driving schools in London?"

By the time the laughter had

subsided he could do no wrong.

As far as the fans were concerned, he was worth paying money to go and watch — and not just at spurs. He was lauded everywhere he played that season with huge crowds all over the country highly appreciative of his skills and his sense of fair play.

Tottenham's failure to win a trophy prompted him to invoke a clause in his contract to move back to Germany and Bayern Munich.

It turned out to be a mistake.

He was never really at ease in a club nicknamed "FC Hollywood" for its atmosphere of permanent squabbling and scandals.

He left Munich in 1997 for Sampdoria, where he failed to score a place in the first team.

After just a few weeks, he turned his back on the Italian team to make a surprise return to Tottenham.

After he had gone in 1995, Spurs' abrasive chairman Alan Sugar went on British television, and screwing up Klinsmann's No 18 shirt exclaimed: "I wouldn't wash my car with this now," and threw it away.

But the two patched up their differences and in December 1997 Klinsmann returned to White Hart Lane.

Now wearing the No 33 shirt "just to remind me of how old I am," he needed a few matches to re-adjust to the pace of the English game before hitting form.

He scored nine goals in 18 matches — including four in one match against Wimbledon — to help the London side avoid relegation.

There was talk of him staying for one more season, but a row over tactics with Spurs then coach, the Swiss Christian Gross, prompted his departure from London a second time. He signed off with a blistering 25-metre goal in his final match against Southampton a year ago.

His international career then ended on a sad note with Germany's shock quarterfinal defeat by Croatia last July in France.

But Klinsmann always new there was a life outside soccer.

"As a kid I was obsessed with football," he said. "All I wanted to do was score goals and even more goals. But I soon realised that football was not everything."

Chief executive of BA, Bob Ayling, said: "We felt flying on our flagship was the only way they should travel on their way to the biggest match in British club football for many years."

Manchester United were also offered a return flight but had to turn it down because the 100-seater Concorde would not be able to carry the squad plus the 250-strong group of wives, girlfriends, family and club directors who will join them on Wednesday for the game.

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