

Kallis' 5th hundred

HARARE, Nov 13: Zimbabwe were bundled out for 102 — their lowest score in Test cricket — on the second day of the second Test against South Africa here on Friday, reports AFP.

It was 25 runs fewer than their previous worst, against Sri Lanka.

In reply Jacques Kallis was on 101, his fifth century, not out for South Africa at the close, with the visitors on a total of 207 for four, a lead of 105 with six wickets in hand. Kallis hit three sixes and ten fours and his average is now over 40.

With Shaun Pollock paramount in the morning and Kallis so confident later on, South African captain Hansie Cronje, who made 58 runs himself, can already be thinking of a repeat innings victory over Zimbabwe following a similar win at Bloemfontein two weeks ago.

Zimbabwe did strike back by getting the wicket of Adam Boucher for eight. But Boeta Dipenar and Kallis took the score past the Zimbabwe total before the former was out for 33 and Darryl Cullinan, coming in to bat in his 50th Test, was out for a duck.

However, Kallis and Cronje maintained the South African momentum with a partnership of 100 before Cronje was well caught by Gavin Rennie and Mark Boucher can in for the last few overs ahead of Jonty Rhodes.

The dismal showing by Zimbabwe's batsmen continued a slump that has lasted through a Test match and three internationals against Australia last month, then again in the first Test against South Africa at Bloemfontein two weeks ago. The Zimbabweans have serious batting problems to sort out quickly. They must surely have replaced England at the bottom of the unofficial Test cricket rankings.

No Zimbabwe batsman made more than 20 and there was no partnership worth more than 29 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the second day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and South Africa here on Friday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 102 (S Pollock 4-32, H Cronje 3-14)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 8

A Boucher c A Flower b Strang 33

Dipenar c Johnson b Olonga 101

Kallis not out 101

Cullinan c A Flower b Strang 0

Cronje c Rennie b Olonga 58

Boucher not out 26

Extras 1

Total: (For four wickets in over 77) 207

Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-96; 3-105; 4-205

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**

Olonga 16 4 46 2

B Strang 19 5 47 2

Mbangwa 16 5 35 0

G Whittall 19 5 50 0

G Flower 7 0 28 0

Quakes won't hinder play-off

DUBLIN, Nov 13: Irish and Turkish football officials were on Friday still preparing to carry on with the Euro 2000 play-off double-header between the two countries despite the second earthquake in two days in Turkey, reports AFP.

Following reports of 17 deaths and 500-plus injuries in the latest carnage — a quake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale some 100 miles east of Istanbul just 24 hours after a lesser eruption left three dead and 90 injured in the western Turkish town of Adana.

Football Association of Ireland chief executive Bernard O'Byrne said his association could "do no more than keep monitoring the situation".

O'Byrne has contacted soccer governing bodies UEFA and FIFA for their views and is ready to call a news conference early Saturday if news of the situation worsens.

But he added: "The plan right now is still to go ahead on Sunday morning with the team's journey to Bursa for the second-leg match."

"Latest news from our official travel agent there is that there is still no sign of danger in the area."

The play-off in Dublin Saturday evening, and their *chefs de mission* Can Covanoglu said: "Everyone is sad to hear of the latest earthquake — but what can the players do but carry on with the games?"

"It will be difficult for them tomorrow after what has happened, but they feel they must. The game next Wednesday will also still go ahead. Bursa is a long way from Istanbul, and there is no danger there."

However, when upwards of 17,000 were killed in the major quake that struck Turkey in August, parts of the Bursa region suffered damage from aftershocks including the closing of major roads. That is one reason why the Irish team must travel part of the way there by a seaport ferry.

Tremors from the Al-Azari blast on Thursday were also reported in Bursa, although there were no casualties or major damage.

Turkey play most of their international matches at the 50,000 Ali Daei Stadium in Istanbul, but officials say they cannot stage the match against Ireland there because security problems would be too great with a major political conference also taking place in the capital.

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"But they have demanded my removal. It is unfortunate. But if they want to talk they will have to talk with me," said Tanvir, who is an additional general secretary of popular Mohammedan Sporting Club.

World youth roundup

AUCKLAND, Nov 13 (AP/Reuters): The United States scored from a late penalty to hold Poland to a 1-1 draw in their Group A match in an otherwise day of lopsided wins Saturday at the under-17 World Soccer Championship.

The draw kept the US on target for a quarterfinal place and at the same time stretched their unbeaten run to 22 matches.

In the other Group A match Saturday at Auckland, Uruguay outplayed New Zealand 5-0. In Group B at Napier, Ghana blanked Mexico 4-0 and Spain thrashed Thailand 6-0.

Poland, with two drawn results, must now beat New Zealand convincingly on Tuesday to qualify for the playoffs.

The Americans struggled with the height and greater physical presence of Poland, who, but for poor finishing, could have been clear winners.

Both sides had chances, with Poland tending to dominate the midfield and creating chances for their strikers.

They were rewarded for their enterprise in the 42nd minute when Piotr Brozek was brought down in the penalty box by American Bobby Convey.

Lukasz Madej stepped up to the spot and sent goalkeeper Donald Countess the wrong way with his kick for the European to take a 1-0 lead.

Three minutes into the second half Pawel Brozek found the back of the net at the near post but was adjudged offside. In the 55th minute the US could have had an equalizer when Landon Donovan put Damarcus Beasley in front of goal but a desperate defensive tackle denied the American a shot at goal.

The United States kept plugging away as Poland looked settled for the win until the 88th minute when Wojciech Szymanek brought down Donovan, who was on a run into the penalty box. The young American star slotted home in penalty with a well-taken kick to level the scores.

The United States play Uruguay on Tuesday night in a top-of-the-group clash.

New Zealand lacked the passion and spark they showed in their first game against the United States and looked listless and tired. In contrast, Uruguay was composed and played well after a 1-1 draw against Poland in their first game.

Uruguay went ahead in the 42nd minute when the makeshift New Zealand defense failed to clear a loose ball and from the left of the penalty box Miguel Lapolla scored. Right on halftime Uruguay captain Horacio Peralta was put clear in the box and he made it 2-0.

New Zealand goalkeeper Sacha Nathu tried to clear a ball from in front of his goal in the 63rd minute but his kick ricocheted off Sergio Leal to make it 3-0.

Williams Martinez headed home his team's fourth goal at the far post from a corner kick while the fifth and final goal, to Alvaro Menses, came courtesy of a deflection off Allan Pearce from a free kick, the ball catching in his shoulder and lobbing over Nathu.

Nathaniel Lamprey and Ibrahim Attiku scored twice each for Ghana in its win over Mexico.

Altar scored in the 35th, 44th and 92nd minute to lead Spain to their win over Thailand. Spain led 4-0 at halftime.

BRIEF RESULTS

Summaries of FIFA Under-17 World Cup soccer championship first stage matches played today:

Group A

Uruguay 5 New Zealand 0

HT: 2-0

United States 1 Poland 1

HT: 0-1

Previous results:

New Zealand 1 United States 2

Uruguay 1 Poland 1

STANDINGS

Team P W D L F A Pts

Uruguay 2 1 1 0 6 1 4

United States 2 1 1 0 3 2 4

Poland 2 0 2 0 2 2 4

New Zealand 2 0 0 2 1 7 0

Remaining matches

Nov 16: Poland v New Zealand

United States v Uruguay

Group B

Spain 6

Thailand 0

HT: 4-0

Ghana 4

Attiku 0

Mexico 1-0

HT: 1-0

Previous results:

Ghana 1

Spain 1

Mexico 4

Thailand 0

STANDINGS

Team P W D L F A Pts

Spain 2 1 1 0 7 1 4

Ghana 2 1 1 0 5 1 4

Mexico 2 1 0 1 4 4 3

Thailand 2 0 0 2 0 10 0

Remaining matches:

Nov 16: Thailand v Ghana

Spain v Mexico

Group C

Previous results:

Brazil 2

Australia 1

Mali 0

Germany 0

STANDINGS

Team P W D L F A Pts

Brazil 1 1 0 0 2 1 3

Germany 1 0 1 0 0 0 1

Mali 1 0 1 0 0 0 1

Australia 1 0 0 1 1 2 0

Remaining matches:

Nov 14: Australia v Germany

Brazil v Mali

Group D

Previous results:

Burkina Faso 1

Jamaica 0

Paraguay 2

Qatar 0

STANDINGS

Team P W D L F A Pts

Paraguay 1 1 0 0 2 0 3

Burkina Faso 1 1 0 0 1 0 3

Jamaica 1 0 0 1 0 1 0

Qatar 1 0 0 1 0 2 0

Remaining matches:

Nov 14: Burkina Faso v Qatar

Nov 17: Qatar v Jamaica

Burkina Faso v Paraguay

Jakarta on alert

Crucial Asian Cup soccer tie today

JAKARTA, Nov 13: Heavy security will surround Indonesia's crunch Asian Cup clash with Hong Kong Sunday with organizers nervous of possible crowd trouble at the match, reports AFP.

Local officials have urged fans at the match to show restraint when the action gets underway in the decisive Group Seven showdown, the official Antara news agency said.

The Indonesian team needs moral support from the people but not fanaticism that can lead to riots, Antara quoted committee chairman Ismet D Tahir as saying.

The match is to be held at the Senayan Sports Stadium here Sunday and will be supervised by a commissioner from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

Indonesia will virtually guarantee their place in next year's finals in Lebanon if they win, while Hong Kong will also book their place if they come away with a victory. The two teams fought to a 1-1 draw in Hong Kong last month.

We hope that supporters of the Indonesian team will come to Senayan with good intentions and not with the intention to damage the image of Indonesian soccer, Tahir said.

He said Indonesia could face sanctions should riots occur during or after the match, adding that Jakarta has deployed 1,000 police officers to maintain security.

"Still, no matter how ready and alert the security people and committee are, it is still the supporters who are the key to a peaceful situation."

"Soccer is soccer. There is always a winner and a loser, and supporters should be ready to accept whatever the final score of a game," Tahir added.

Although Indonesia is not a football powerhouse in Southeast Asia, the game is the most watched and played sport in the country.

A semifinal match in the last Southeast Asia games between Indonesia and Thailand in 1997 was marred by hooliganism from the home supporters.

Glasgow greets English fans

GLASGOW, Nov 13: Hundreds of England soccer fans arrived in Glasgow amid tight security on Friday on the eve of the Euro 2000 first leg qualifier against fierce rivals Scotland, reports AFP.

Violence caused by the England fans, either at Saturday's game at Hampden Park, or during the return leg at Wembley on Wednesday, could have potentially disastrous consequences for the country's bid to host the World Cup tournament in 2006.

A huge police operation was under way in an attempt to ensure the match was trouble free. Around 100 known English hooligans have already been served with orders telling them not to travel north of the border and others are under surveillance.

Some 6,500 English fans have tickets for the Glasgow match.

It emerged that Scotland fans with tickets for the English end of Hampden Park will be allowed into the ground.

The arrangement will also apply to England fans, who will be allowed into the area designated for Scotland supporters if they have tickets there.

The announcement, made by Strathclyde Police, came despite the unprecedented security operation being mounted.

Hundreds of police will flood the area around the stadium, while a massive intelligence operation to prevent English hooligans causing trouble has been under way since the day the match was announced.

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Police said: "There is a strict segregation policy and the anticipated small number of supporters who are in the wrong area of the stadium despite continual advice and instruction will be monitored closely and action will be taken if appropriate."

Police sources said they did not want to prevent people who want to watch the game in peace from being in the stadium, but would act swiftly against anyone who was in the wrong area in a bid to cause trouble.

There had earlier been reports that ticket agencies were selling seats in the England area to Scottish fans, causing concern for safety at the game.

Each one of the 52,000 seats is covered by closed circuit television and fans will not be allowed in if they are drunk or show signs of causing trouble.

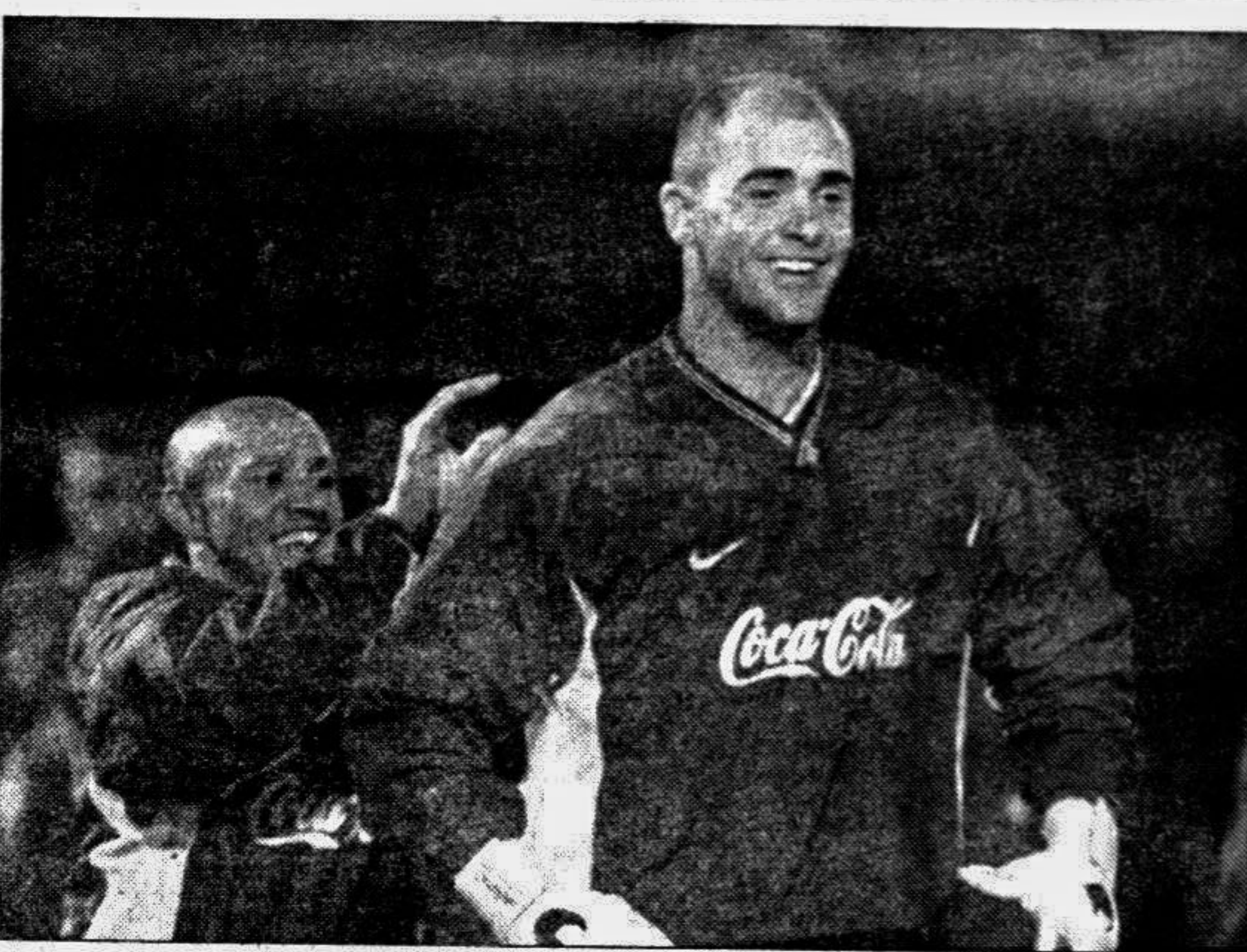
A spokesman for the Scottish Football Association said: "We have no knowledge of this. As far as we are aware it's very much a police matter."

"As always, we act on police advice and they are the experts on security matters and we respect that and take their advice."

A high-profile uniformed police presence will be on the streets throughout the weekend and Strathclyde Police's assistant chief constable Andrew Cameron earlier issued a warning to ticketless fans from both sides of the border.

Cameron was speaking after the National Criminal Intelligence Service announced that 111 soccer thugs had been served with court orders forcing them to report to their local police station just before the game.

A total of 250 English officers and British Transport Police have also been given powers to work in Scotland during the course of the operation.



Brazilian star Roberto Carlos (L) and goalkeeper Marcos share a light moment during a training session on November 12. Brazil were to meet Spain in a friendly soccer match in Vigo yesterday. — AFP photo

Socceroos face new Brazil

SYDNEY, Nov 13: Australia coach Frank Farina faces a baptism of fire at Stadium Australia Sunday when his Socceroos play an unknown Brazilian team focused on winning Olympic gold, reports AFP.

Farina's first match as Socceroo coach has been anything but smooth with Leeds star Harry Kewell failing to show up and Brazilian star Ronaldo being sent back to his Italian club by a grumpy Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo.

The matches in Sydney and Melbourne will be the first clash between Australia and Brazil since the South Americans thrashed Australia 6-0 in the Confederations' Cup final in Saudi Arabia in 1997.

It will also be the first time former Socceroo Farina has been able to get his squad together in his campaign to qualify Australia for the 2002 World Cup finals.

Australia will face a confident Brazil.

"The pitch is good, the grass is perfect and we expect to go away with victory," said key Brazilian striker Ronaldinho after training at the stadium Saturday.

"It will be a hard game but we are prepared and motivated for a top performance in what is a great stadium."

"I'm not worried about scoring so long as the team wins," said the 19-year-old, who has scored 21 goals in 45 games for Brazil.

Farina is aware of the power of Brazil and has warned his team it must have total commitment throughout the match.

"They must concentrate on doing the job for the full 90 minutes and hopefully they'll do very well," said Farina.

Luxemburgo has pinned his faith on a number of untied players in the opening game.

The defence of keeper Silvio and backs Mancini and Dede will be new. Mozart will be getting his debut in attack and midfielder Marcos Paulo and striker Fabio Junior are playing their second game.

In the probable lineup Fabio Bilica (8 internationals) and Alvaro (27), will be central defenders, Alex (23) and Denilson (45) leading the attack.

Farina was waiting on a final fitness check to complete his team for the match, with niggling calf and thigh worries especially to Kevin Muscat and Celtic striker Mark Viduka.

Farina said that the injury to Viduka had not completely healed and a decision would be made Sunday whereas Muscat was fit to play.

Captain Mark Bosnich and Ned Zelc proved hamstring-

problems had recovered with strong workouts after both had been suspect on arrival in Australia.

The fullback positions have been slotted to Tony Vidmar and Craig Moore with Zelc and Paul Okon in central defence and Richard Johnson, Muscat or Emerton and Danny Tiatto in midfield.

It is uncertain whether Farina will start with a three-man attack of Steve Corica, Viduka and Paul Agostino or whether one will drop back into midfield.

Johnson will be in the middle of the park, is a good passer and of course can score," said Farina of the 25-year-old who plays with English club Watford and who will be making his Australian debut.

Australia will not lack fire power up front with Viduka, the leading scorer in the Scottish Premier League, and Agostino and Corica having established scoring reputations in Europe.

PROBABLE TEAMS

AUSTRALIA: Bosnich, T. Vidmar, Moore, Okon, Zelc, Johnson, Muscat, Tiatto, Corica, Viduka, Agostino

BRAZIL: Silvio, Mancini, Dede, Fabio Bilica, Alvaro, Mozart, Marcos Paulo, Alex, Denilson, Ronaldinho, Fabio Jr.

Record beckons Lothar

COLOGNE, Nov 13 (AFP): Bayern Munich's ever-green Lothar Matthaeus will go into FIFA's record books this Sunday when he secures his 143rd cap for Germany in Oslo but will have to wait until next year before popping the champagne corks.

After the Norway friendly Matthaeus will pull up level with ex-Swedish goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli as the world's most capped footballer.

Because of his mid-season departure for the US in February though the 38-year-old defender won't actually break Ravelli's mark until March 29th when Germany play Croatia in Zagreb.

"I'm only interested in the record as a side issue. What's important is that the team plays well to prepare us for the European championships."

Matthaeus said hours after flying in from New York where he will begin his twilight football days with the infamous poor New York/New Jersey MetroStars in March.

Most astonishing about Matthaeus' achievement is that he spent three and a half years between 1994 and early 1998 in the wilderness, cast aside by Germany's then coach Berti Vogts for being too old, before making a triumphant comeback under Erich Ribbeck.

Having qualifying for next year's Euro finals a month ago Ribbeck's biggest headache now is getting his players fit after the rigours of a long hard season.

Games like this friendly in Norway are essential for Ribbeck to fine tune his plans

but they are increasingly frowned upon by the Bundesliga clubs, especially Bayern Munich, who already have a heavy match schedule of Champions League, German league and German Cup fixtures

between now and Euro 2000's kick off on June 10th.

Tough opponents like Norway, Holland and Croatia have been singled out for the next seven warm-up games to keep the players on edge.

"These aren't friendlies, this is a countdown. The players know very well I'll be watching and judging them," Ribbeck warned. "Everyone has to accept the challenge. Total concentration is required. It's important for me to see how my players cope with the pressure."

"Our long term aim is the European title. The short term aim is finding the 20 to 25 players we need for the squad," Ribbeck said.

For Norway, who strode through their qualification series for next year's tournament, simply playing Germany is an inspiration enough to find an extra 10 percent energy.

Their one and only victory against the triple world champions was 66 years ago, a 2-0 result at Hitler's Nazi-tainted Berlin Olympics.

Since then there have been 12 German wins and five draws. The odds for improving this bleak record have never been better as Germany are still rebuilding after their World Cup quarter-final debacle against Croatia last year and the Norwegians have won their last nine straight.

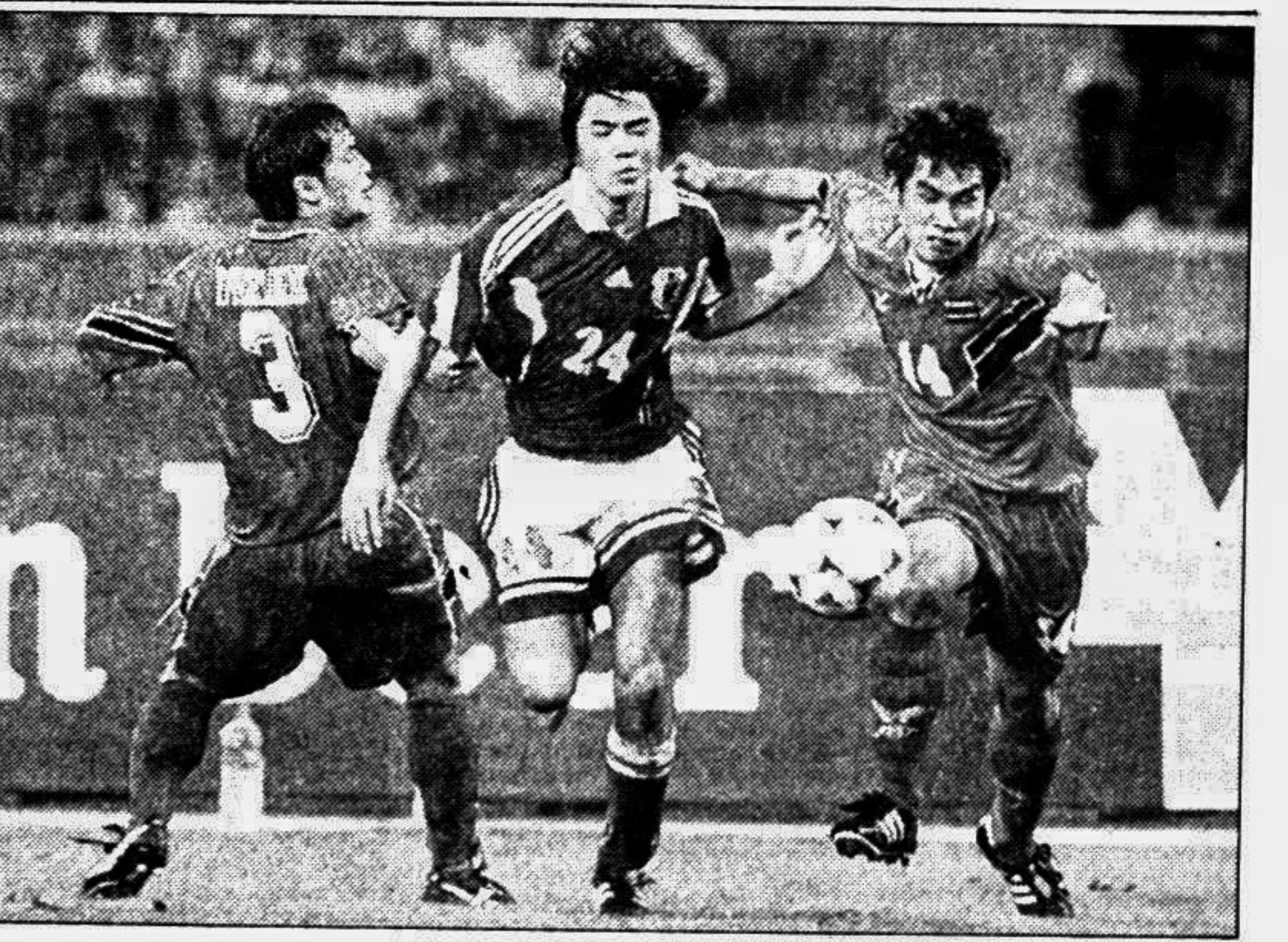
A shot over Germany's bow came during the Champions League when Norwegian champions Rosenborg Trondheim dismantled Borussia Dortmund with their attacking style of football. Five Trondheim players are in Sunday's 16-man squad. Of the remainder, seven are signed with clubs in Britain.

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taxing their players' strength.

"To say the least, the clubs' match commitments are not exactly good for the national team. I think they just begin to realise now what they have done," Ribbeck said. "Our next three games are tucked in just before or just after Bundesliga commitments."

But that doesn't mean the Germans will be resting on their laurels as European champions and taking it easy



Action from the Olympic qualifier between Japan and Thailand in Bangkok yesterday. Japan won 6-0. — AFP photo

Tunisia eyes African glory

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 13: Tunisia launch their bid for a historic club hat-trick this weekend when Ettoile du Sahel host Wydad Casablanca of Morocco in the first leg of the African Football Confederation (CAF) Cup final.

Club Africain meet Africa Sports of Cote d'Ivoire next weekend in the Cup Winners' Cup and Esperance tackle Raja Casablanca of Morocco in the Champions' League six days later.

Success for the Tunisian teams would confirm their dominance of Pan-African competitions with four of six titles in the last two years going to the small North African country.

A healthy economy and visionary officials have ensured excellent facilities and the high salaries and pop-star status enjoyed by leading footballers means many stay at home rather than move to more challenging European leagues.