BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Nov 19: A personal best six wickets for only 60 runs by Promodya Wickremasinghe enabled Sri Lanka to bowl Zimbabwe out for 286 in their first innings of the first Test here Friday, reports AFP.

Wickremasinghe improved on his previous best of 6-103 against Pakistan, yet it was only the third time in Tests he has achieved or exceeded a five wicket haul.

By the lunch interval Sri Lanka's opening pair Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu had put on 52 for the first wicket and they had little difficulty handling the Zimbabwe seam attack in the 18 overs available to them.

Zimbabwe resumed from their overnight 256-8 with Bryan Strang and Andrew Whittall at the wicket. These two had 300 runs in mind as a target but neither they nor last man Henry Olonga got there despite valiant efforts by Strang to move the score along. His 41 was nevertheless a more than useful contribution to the Zimbabwe cause.

Wickremasinghe, with four wickets for 44 to his name on the first day, took the remaining to wickets for a further runs deficit of only 16 to justify his accuracy and persistence as much as penetration.

Jayasuriya and Atapattu took a defensive attitude at the start of their innings but made full use of the occasional bad ball to gather runs.

The wicket, though on the green side, is playing consistently and is easy paced. Jayasuriya, who has a career best 340 runs, will be looking for another big score, both for himself and for his side over the next four or five sessions.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Zimbabwe

innings on the second day of the first Test against Sri Lanka on

Friday: ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 256-8) G Flower c Arnold b Wickramasinghe Rennie Ibw b Wickramasinghe Goodwin c Jayasuria b Wickramasinghe Johnson c Arnold b Vaas A Flower c Muralitharan b Wickramasinghe Campbell run out (Dilshan) G Whittall run out (Kaluwitharana) Brent c Jayawardena b Muralitharan Strang c Kaluwitharana b Wickramasinghe A Whittall c Kaluwitharana b Wickramasinghe Olonga not out Extras: (lb-5; nb-23) Total: (All out in 96.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-38; 3-68; 4-167; 5-167; 6-212; 7-212; 8-250; 9-275 Bowler:

Jayasuria Tourists toil in Pretoria

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Gallage

Wickramasinghe 21.2

Muralitharan 20 Arnold 6

3

88

53

60

PRETORIA. Nov 19: An excellent 85 by newcomer Michael Vaughan and a Vigilant 81 by veteran batsman Michael Atherton held the visiting England side's innings together on the opening day of their four-day fixture against a Northerns-Gauteng XI at Centurion Park on Thursday. reports AFP.

With the balance tilting first one way then the other, the tourists were 238 for six wickets at the close.

But aside from Vaughan and Atherton who provided the bulk of their runs via a third-wicket partnership of 132, they didn't emerge from their toughest ordeal to date with much to shout

In fact, with the exception of the ultra-reliable Atherton, the hard-core of the England top order didn't distinguish itself. Alec Stewart (20), Mark Butcher (15) and captain Nassar Hussain (1) all fell relatively cheaply.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of the opening day of the four-day fixture between a Northerns-Gauteng XI and England at Centurion Park on Thursday:

ENGLAND: First innings Butcher lbw Smith Atherton b Smith Hussain b Terbrugge Vaughan lbw Elworthy Stewart c Pothas b Terbrugge Caddick Ibw Terbrugge Adams not out Flintoff not out Extras: (b-4; lb-5; nb-14) Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs) 238 Fall of wickets: 1-43; 2-44; 3-176; 4-218; 5-234; 6-235

Elworthy Smith 49 Terbrugge Masimula 33 Eksteen 36 0 0 0 McKenzie

tragedy for the ex-Soviet state. The heads of soccer officials also seemed likely to roll after the team's poor performance on a snowy Wednesday night.

taste of lost hopes," a presenter on a television talk show said after the match. Soccer officials were just as

disheartened. "This is a drama for all of us. but we have to recognise that the Ukrainian team played really weakly." Valery Nikonenko, a spokesman for the Ukrainian Football Federation (UFF), told Reuters. "The erro-

Pele transcends sports

LONDON. Nov (Reuters/Internet): Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known to the world as Pele and long regarded as soccer's greatest player, can now claim to be the greatest sportsman of all after winning a Reuters poll to find the century's top personality. His position at the pinnacle.

ahead of Muhammad Ali and Carl Lewis, shows how the brilliant Brazilian transcended sporting and national barriers. in his glorious career and continues to do so more than 20 years after he retired. From the 17-year-old sensa-

tion of the 1958 World Cup to the 29-year-old at the absolute peak of his powers when Brazil won the Jules Rimet Trophy for the third time in 1970, he embodied everything good about the world's most popular sport. Playing and scoring in four

successive World Cup tournaments, combining an extraordinary talent and exemplary sportsmanship on the pitch with a modest and polite attitude off it, he earned the respect and admiration of teammates and opponents in similar mea-

Because of his grace, control and balance it is sometimes forgotten just how powerful a player he was. Virtually impossible to knock off the ball in possession, he was a fearsome sight in fully flight.

Although he was no giant, he was also superb in the air where he mastered "hang time" a decade before Michael Jordan first ventured on to a basketball

Playing as an inside forward he was not only a master goalscorer but also a supreme creator whose positional awareness was at times uncanny.

Despite his brilliance and the widespread worship he received. Pele was forever modest. "I can make goals out of nothing but this does not make me proud, it makes me humble because this is a talent God gave me," he once said.

After retirement he carried himself with dignity as the greatest ambassador the game could have. He has always been highly aware of his position as a catalyst for change. He has contributed incalculable work for the game in developing countries and helped humanitarian causes around the globe.

He eventually became Brazil's sports minister from 1995 to 1998, doing his best to modernise the chaotic administration of the game in his country and to this day is seen as something of a world states-It is a far cry from his hum-

ble beginnings, kicking a ball of rolled-up rags and sometimes even a grapefruit as he honed his skills on the streets of his birthplace Tres Coracoes. His senior playing career be-

gan in 1956 when he joined Santos as a 15-year-old and became the club's top scorer in his first season with 32 goals.

He made his international debut in July 1957 at 16, scoring against Argentina, but burst to prominence in the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden when he scored a hattrick in the semifi-

considered the greatest foot-

baller in history, reached the

landmark on November 19.

1969 when he converted a

penalty for his club side Santos

against home team Vasco da

scored in the legendary Mara-

cana Stadium, which is sym-

bolic of the glory years of the

Brazilian game and is arguably

the greatest shrine of the

anniversary is being widely

feted in Brazil where 1969, un-

like the rest of the world where.

it is synonymous with the first

moon landing, is remembered

as the year of Pele's 1000th goal.

a crowd of 65,000 at the match -

nothing special for the Mara-

cana which in 1950 held a still

world record 199,584 fans at the

World Cup deciding match be-

tween Brazil and Uruguay. That

match was won 2-1 by Uruguay.

tive obscurity, were then a very

powerful side and were visiting

Rio de Janeiro outfit Vasco da

Gama. Needless to say all the

spectators were well aware go-

ing into the match that Pele -

born Edson Arantes do Nasci-

mento - had a career record of

Pele's moment came in the 77th

minute. A typically mazy run

saw the great man elude Vasco

defenders Fernando and Rene

before being brought down in

Amaro de Lima recalls he had a

shoot at the goal guarded by

Vasco da Gama goalkeeper

"Gato" Andrada, an Argentinian

Match referee Manoel

With the score tied at 1-1

999 goals.

the penalty area.

Pele's Santos, now in rela-

On a warm evening there was

Not surprisingly the 30th

world's most popular sport.

Appropriately the goal was

goal.

Gama.

away Brazil will

nal against France and twice in the 5-2 final victory over Swe-

The next two tournaments were a disappointment for Pele on a personal level. Injury in the group stages in 1962 meant he played little part in Brazil's success in Chile while in 1966 he came in for some fearsome attention from defenders as Brazil were kicked out of contention.

Disillusioned, he vowed never to play in another World Cup and instead concentrated his efforts on Santos, scoring his 1,000th senior goal while

own half which sailed just wide against Czechoslovakia - not so rare now but unheard of then - and his outrageous dummy in the semifinal against Uruguay when he ignored the ball to completely flummox goalkeeper Mazurkiewicz, though he could not quite recover in time to

Brazil, as the first team to win the World Cup three times. were given the trophy in perpetuity and with the tournament screened live and in colour the world over for the first time, Pele's position as the greatest player in the history of the



A file photo of Pele.

playing for them on a memorable night in 1969.

However, he changed his mind and, as the result of the poll shows, sports fans all over the planet would be forever grateful.

The 1970 World Cup in Mexico, and more particularly Brazil's performance in it, is widely regarded as the zenith of "the beautiful game" and while that great team was packed with talent it was Pele running the show.

From his monumental battle with Bobby Moore, captain of defending champions England, in the Group stage to his nonchalant roll of the ball into the path of Carlos Alberto to indelibly seal the 4-1 final victory over Italy, Pele was the master.

In between were his extraordinary shot from inside his

He played his last international, his 111th, in 1971 and three years later retired from the club game with an incredible 1,281 goals in 1,363 senior appearances. Santos retired his number 10 shirt. In 1975 he came out of re-

tirement to play an important

game was carved in stone.

role in the fledgling North American Soccer League with New York Cosmos, hanging up his boots for good in 1977. Since then soccer has ex-

panded to levels undreamed of when he began playing but Pele's reputation has been merely enhanced further as new pretenders come and go. While youngsters of today

might be labelled the "new will only ever be one Pele.

Diego Maradona, Johan Cruyff or Franz Beckenbauer there

the first team to win three World Cups. He scored the opening goal in the final against Italy and also provided other unforgettable moments, dumming Uruguayan goalkeeper Ladislav Mazurkiewicz in the semi-final and almost scoring

considered the greatest in foothis club side Santos to two

All the souvenirs of Pele's 1000th goal have become relics. His strip, the ball, the net and even the referee's strip have become hot property.

was recovered by police and donated by Pele to the Association of Fathers and Friends of Exceptional Children, a Sao Paulo charity.

Pele's mythical number 10 jersey worn that night is in the possession of his daughter Kelly who lives in the United States. A former Vasco da Gama physiotherapist owns one of the other balls used in that match (three were used in all).

Cascarino hangs up his boots

the finals of Euro 2000, reports

Although Cascarino will see out the season with his French League club Nancy, he said: "That's the end for me with Ire-

from international football when our European Championship campaign was over and I'm sticking to that.
"It would have been nice I

grandchildren in my old age. If we had qualified I would have liked to be involved in the squad in the finals but that's not to be.

hang on in there and be phased out when one day it becomes obvious to everyone I'm no more use to the team. It's time for the younger lads to come through and the squad is improving all the time now under Mick.

"It might seem a long time to the next World Cup in 2002 but there is every sign Ireland will

Romario Vasco bound?

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 19: Brazil's 1994 World Cup winning hero Romario will move from Flamengo to bitter Rio de Janeiro rivals Vasco da Gama, who want the talented but maverick forward to enhance their squad for the World Club Championships in January, it emerged Thursday, reports

However, it remains to be seen if the player will be eligible for that groundbreaking tournament, to be staged in Brazil, as the deadline for new signings was on November 15.

Romario has agreed a oneyear deal with Vasco da Gama with an option for a second year, the club revealed Thursday.

It means that Romario will play alongside Edmundo. dubbed "the animal" in the Vasco front line. The two are hugely talented but both have reputations for causing problems off the field and are currently out of favour with Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, a stickler for discipline.

Flamengo had thrown Romario out of the first team squad because of the player's. love for Rio's riotous nightlife.

Told that Romario had joined his team's biggest rivals Flamengo chairman Edmundo Santos Silva said: "It is not so worrying although a little sad.. I want it to be known that a firm can sack an employee, however important he is, if he does not conform to company rules."

Romario was voted player of the tournament in the 1994 World Cup in the United States after inspiring Brazil to victory for the fourth time in their his-

Vasco da Gama will appeal to FIFA to be allowed to register Romario for the inaugural World Club Championship. Romario had had a spell

worst derby memory is of the last one. We lost the match, and with Vasco da Gama before bemore. We thought that we'd win coming an established star but returns as a legend of the Brazilian game.

Slovenians show their love for heroes

LJUBLJANA, Nov 19 (Reuters/Internet): Some 3,000 Slovenian fans stood in the snow at two in the morning on Thursday to greet their soccer heroes at the airport after the national side qualified for their first ever big event. The 'underdogs stunned

Ukraine by holding their playoff rivals to a 1-1 draw in Kiev for a 3-2 aggregate victory and a place in next year's European championship finals in the Netherlands and Belgium. Thousands were expected to

attend a celebration in Ljubljana later on Thursday after players met the country's President Milan Kucan. This is phenomenonal. We

never even dared to dream about such a success. But we deserved it," said coach Srecko Katanec, a former player who was capped 31 times for the former Yugoslavia.

"I remember how difficult it was to achieve something like this even in the days of the former Yugoslavia," he added. "This success means a big obligation for the future."

Slovenia, a former Yugoslav republic until 1991 with a population of only two million. reached the play-off by completing their qualifying campaign behind Norway. Slovenian soccer federation president Rudi Zavrl praised Katanec, who has been coaching the side only since April.

"Once again we experienced a winning spirit which has been in our team since Katanec took over," Zavrl said.

Karlsruhe's Miran Pavlin scored the 79th minute equaliser after Ukraine had taken a 1-0 lead 10 minutes earlier with a penalty.

Pavlin said: "It was a tough match...the Ukrainians played well and shrewdly but we overshadowed them with our spirit.'

it easily and when that happens, there's no mercy. "We were presumptious," he

MILAN, Nov 19:

Two weeks after

their last feed on

the Serie A, Italy's

ravenous soccer

fans are set for a

feast this weekend with

Juventus taking on champions

AC Milan and an action-packed

in both halves of the country,

with league leaders Lazio hop-

ing to settle a score with AS

Roma and Juventus looking for

a timely show of strength

for wanting to beat Roma. And

only one of them is to defend

their three-point lead at the top

fact that after years of playing

entertaining but unsuccessful

football with former coach

Zdenek Zeman, Roma have now

become credible title chal-

chip away at Roma's chances of

staying the pace until the final

of motivation for Sven Goran

Eriksson's men is pure revenge.

For if Lazio today aren't Italy's

champions, it's mainly down to

Roma and the derby defeat they

inflicted at the end of last sea-

son, ending Lazio's 17-match

unbeaten run and plunging

a century to win the league. And

thanks to Roma, and goalscor-

ers Marco Delvecchie and

Lazio had waited a quarter of

A victory on Sunday would

But by far the biggest source

lengers under Fabio Capello.

Equally important is the

Lazio have several reasons

against Milan.

of the table.

run-in next May.

them into crisis.

waiting.

Passions are being aroused

derby in Rome, reports AFP.

Serie A preview

A fiesta in the offing

admitted. "We should have waited for them to come forward and then hit them on the break. But we felt good. Too good. And we didn't have the humility to wait for the right moment.

Eriksson is convinced his team can win it this time, and is expected to field Croatian Alen Boksic alongside Chilean Marcelo Salas up front, although the real danger man will be their unstoppable Argentinian midfielder, Juan Sebastian Veron.

Roma will meanwhile turn to Totti's playmaking skills and the goal sense of Vincenzo Montella at a packed Olympic stadium.

What's less clear is whether Delvecchio will return from injury in time to deny Brazilian Fabio Junior a place in Capello's starting line-up.

Roma defender Cafu, one of the five Brazilians on Roma's books, summed things up by saying: "Whoever loses will suffer a major blow, both in terms of team morale and their place in the table.

"If Lazio win, they'll leave us behind and it will be hard to catch them up. But if they lose, they'll be in trouble. "Lazio are more fired-up be-

cause of what happened last season. But whoever wins will become a better team. It will be a really tough match." But if there will be fireworks and a worldwide TV audience

Francesco Totti, they are still for the afternoon game, there won't be much less a few hours Eriksson said this week: "My later in Turin when Juventus take on old rivals AC Milan. Both sides have something to prove and both want to win

as much for the psychological boost it would bring as they do

for the three points. The hosts may be second in the table but the quality of their football has left much to be desired, particularly the goal-shy performances up front from

Zinedine Zidane, Alessandro Del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi. Juventus have only scored 10 times in their nine league games so far - a strike rate would have left them mid-table or worse were it not for the fact that Ciro Ferrara's vaccuumsealed defence - currently the best in Italy - has only conceded five goals.

However, if Juventus are finally going to rise to the occasion, then this is the match to do it in. Milan are still on the rebound after their exit from European football and are looking vulnerable, particularly if skipper Paolo Maldini fails a

late fitness test on a toe injury. Milan meanwhile need to get their confidence back if they are to keep their league crown, and beating the 1996 world champions in front of their Delle Alpi fans would certainly achieve that.

They managed it last season and George Weah's goals also helped steer the team to the title. And now they have the Serie A's top scorer, seven-goal Andriy Shevchenko, to help them

Serie A fixtures this weekend (1600 GMT unless stated) Saturday: Fiorentina v Perugia, Udinese v Bologna (2130

Sunday: Bari v Reggina, Inter Milan v Lecce. Parma v Cagliari, AS Roma v Lazio, Venezia v Piacenza, Verona v Torino, Juventus v AC Milan (2130 GMT)

Premiership preview

Sunderland test for Liverpool LONDON, Nov 19:



Surprise package Sunderland host Liverpool Saturday in this week end's most attractive English Premiership fixture which pits the third-placed hosts, promoted to the top flight at the end of last season, against Liv-

erpool, who lie fifth - their best showing for some time, reports AFP. Like Manchester United, Sunderland have only lost two games this season and - like Sir Alex Ferguson's team of stars -Peter Reid's less heralded players have a goal difference in two figures - 12 to be precise. That is

due to prolific front pair Kevin Phillips, of England, and Republic of Ireland forward Niall Quinn. However, Liverpool are unbeaten in the league for nearly

two months and suddenly there

seems a new understanding be-

tween home grown players like

Michael Owen and the numerous foreigners such as Guinean Titi Camara, attracted by the reputation - and the financial package - offered by the legendary club. In the other games leaders

United, who went back top after Leeds were defeated, go to Derby County (18th). It will be a return to club colours for United's England players David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Phil Neville who featured in the national side that won a tense two-legged European Championship playoff with Scotland this week. Second placed Leeds tackle

another promoted side in Bradford, who are 17th. Meanwhile fourth-placed Arsenal face eighth-placed Middlesbrough just days before their UEFA Cup match with Nantes. Tottenham, in sixth, hope to pick up points at 14th-placed Southampton.

Ninth-placed Chelsea travel to 10th-placed Everton ahead of their European Champions

League clash Wednesday with Feyenoord while 16th-placed Newcastle. still in the UEFA Cup. go to another promoted side Watford, who have just bought French player Xavier

Gravelaine. Saturday's other remaining game sees seventh-placed Leicester host Wimbledon in 15th while on Sunday West Ham, in 11th, take on 20th-placed Sheffield Wednesday, who have won only one match in the Premiership this season. On Monday Coventry (13th) host Aston Villa (12th).

Fixtures: Saturday: Arsenal v Mid-

dlesbrough. Derby v Manchester United, Everton v Chelsea. Leeds v Bradford, Leicester v Wimbledon, Southampton v Tottenham, Sunderland v Liverpool, Watford v Newcastle

Sunday: West Ham v Sheffield Wednesday Monday: Coventry v Aston

Euro leagues'preview



19(AFP): This weekend in Spain Real Madrid host Real Sociedad in their first fixture

since the sacking of coach John Toshack while in Germany former Bayern Munich bad boy Mario Basler looks to turn over a new leaf with Kaiserslautern when they face Hertha Berlin. Auxerre's trip to Marseille tops the bill in France.

BUNDESLIGA In Germany volatile winger Mario Basler will consummate his new union with Kaiserslautern Saturday when they try to sink Champions League

high flyers Hertha Berlin deep into domestic trouble.

Basler joined the Red Devils from Bayern Munich for whom his brilliant skills on the pitch were frequently overshadowed by his more headline-grabbing behaviour off it.

But Kaiserslautern coach Otto Rehhagel was once sacked by Bayern and proved them wrong by leading his new team to the title in 1998 and clearly he hopes Basler will also be eager to wreak revenge on the league leaders.

Victory against Hertha would be a good start. Bayern, meanwhile, host Freiburg Saturday although

president Franz Beckenbauer won't be present because of laser

surgery on a kidney stone. FRENCH FIRST DIVISION In France leaders Lyon will hope to stay in charge of the French first division when they host Lens while second-placed Monaco, who have a game in hand, host Sedan who have already proved they can live with

the big boys in their first season back in the top flight. Sedan, based in the Ardennes near the Franco-Belgian border, are in a creditable sixth

place. Auxerre, in third, travel to Marseille in the most attractive fixture of the weekend. The visitors will be boosted by the return from injury of French World Cup winner Bernard

Diomede. The other big match of the weekend is on Friday when champions Bordeaux, in fifth place, host well-supported St

Etienne at the Parc Lescure. PRIMERA LIGA In Spain Rayo Vallecano, who visit Numancia in a battle of the promoted teams, are still top of the pile but all the attention is on eighth-placed Real

Madrid who host Real Sociedad. The meringues this week sacked Welsh coach John Toshack and will be under the care of new boss Vicente del Bosque against San Sebastian outfit Sociedad who recently appointed former Spanish national team boss Javier

Clemente as coach. Defending champions Barcelona make the trip to Valencia in a battle between two teams who - alongside Real make up Spain's three representatives in the Champions League.

Juventus not after Roy

MILAN, Nov 19: Juventus vice-president Roberto Bettega denied on Thursday that the Serie A giants were planning to sign Manchester United's Republic of Ireland midfielder Roy Keane, reports AFP. A British newspaper report that a deal had been agreed for

the end of this season has been picked up the Italian press, particularly in Juventus' home town of Turin. But Bettega, speaking as he left an Italian League meeting

here, said: "We have a great midfield and we are very pleased with the players we have. "We know the source of this,"

he said, referring to the British paper, "and we know that they often say things that aren't true."

Ukraine in mourning

KIEV, Nov 19 (Reuters/ Internet): A bitter 1-1 draw in a Euro 2000 qualifier with Slovenia dashed Ukraine's hopes of playing in their first major championship finals and has turned into a national

chill as he pointed to the spot. Uncharacteristically there was total silence in the Maracana and the Santos players withdrew to the halfway line, "Tonight we all feel the bitter leaving Pele alone and unable to pass the responsibility of the penalty onto a colleague. Pele, then 29, placed the ball on the spot and prepared to

who had a reputation for saving penalties. Andrada later recalled: "Before taking the penalty Pele approached me and made a reneous tactics of our coaches are quest: if he scored he wanted to to blame," pick the ball out of the net. I

Brazil celebrates goal of all goals said he could but that if I saved it I would kick the ball to the Nov 19(AFP): With the Millennium

Vasco fans." Pele, normally ice-cool in just six weeks front of goal, recalled that his appropriately celebrate another knees were trembling as he took historic 1000 on Friday but this the penalty. He said: "I had to time one relating to its rich breathe heavily and slowly to footballing history - the 30th compose myself. When I struck anniversary of Pele's 1000th the ball I thought Andrada would save it. But when I saw Pele, almost universally the ball had gone in I felt an

enormous relief. The goal proved to be the winner, ensuring a 2-1 Santos

triumph The historic strike caused chaos at the Maracana. Many spectators invaded the field while Pele was carried around the pitch on the shoulders of spectators in a lap of honour, holding the ball in the air.

protect the poor, we must think about what we need, we will help everybody. For the love of God the people of Brazil can not forget the poor people." Finally in the confusion Santos replaced Pele with

Given a microphone Pele

admirably tried to change the

subject, saying: 'We are going to

youngster Jair Bala and the match ended with no one interested in the result. Thirty years later it seems unlikely that anyone will match Pele's feat - no other player at such a level has come

close to such a feat. Romario at 33 - four years older than Pele when he reached his landmark - has just over 400 goals to his name while his 35-year-old 1994 World Cup winning colleague Bebeto has over 500.

By the time Pele hung up his boots at the age of 35 - he finished his career in 1975 with New York Cosmos - he had scored 1,279 goals. Born on October 23, 1940 in Tres Coracoes, in the Minas Gerais region, Pele started play-

ing for Santos at the age of 14 and scored his first goal in 1956 on September 7. In 1958 he burst onto the World Cup scene at the age of 17 in Sweden. He scored the winner for Brazil in the quarter-final with Wales, a hat-trick in the semi-final win over France and two brilliant strikes in the 5-2 final win over Sweden. It was

Four years later he played a minor role in Brazil's second World Cup triumph after being brutally treated by opposing players. Similar ruthless defending four years later in England also limited his participation in a tournament won by the host nation.

Brazil's first World Cup win.

But in 1970 Pele was at the centre of operations as brilliant Brazil made history, becc.ning

from the halfway line against

Czechoslovakia. That 1970 team is widely ball history. Pele also inspired World Club Championships.

The ball was even stolen but

DUBLIN, Nov 19: Veteran Republic of Ireland striker Tony Cascarino confirmed on Thursday that his international career was over following his side's failure to reach

"I always said I would retire

suppose to go on and win 100 caps - something to tell the "And I don't want to just

have another good side by



Jubilo Iwata's Japanese international defender Takashi Fokniss rises above Saudi Arabian side Al-Ittihad's Hamza Idriss to clear the ball during their Asian Super Cup encounter in Jeddah on November 18. - AFP photo