

World Club Championship
South Melbourne
vow to surprise

SYDNEY, Dec 29: South Melbourne coach Ange Postecoglou believes his team of underdogs can upset some of the high-flyers at next month's world club championship in Brazil, reports AFP.

Postecoglou and his Greek-backed team leave Sunday to meet Vasco da Gama (Brazil), Necaxa (Mexico) and English and European champions Manchester United in their group of the inaugural world club title.

"I can't see any reason why we can't pull off a surprise," Postecoglou said Wednesday.

"We'll do as good a job as any other team from Australia would have done."

Postecoglou said his side would not be overawed and had done their research for the elite world championship.

"Manchester United has been easier to keep track of on tapes. I've watched some videos of Vasco but Necaxa has been hard to find," he said.

"Since I've been in charge of South Melbourne, we've been very much the hunted as the top team here after back-to-back premierships," he said.

There has been pressure wee in and wek out but I'm now going to a tournament without his type of pressure.

"If anything, we have the ability to surprise and if they underestimate us, we can use that to our advantage."

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and I will come back as a better coach and with a better team."

Kewell Oceania's player of the year

SYDNEY, Dec 29: Australian midfielder Harry Kewell has been named the Oceania player of the year, reports AFP.

Kewell, an influential member of the youthful Leeds United team in the English Premier League, was an overwhelming winner of the award voted by regional football writers.

The 21-year-old is widely regarded as the greatest soccer talent Australia has produced.

The award follows a year when Kewell was involved in a club versus country battle between Australia and Leeds for his services.

His no-show for the two-match home series against Brazil's Olympic side in November led to Soccer Australia successfully seeking a FIFA ban on Kewell playing for Leeds in a Premiership match.

Kewell, looked on as an integral part of Australia's campaign for qualification for the 2002 World Cup finals in Japan and South Korea, received 115 votes, outpolled Glasgow Celtic striker Mark Viduka (69) and Munich 1860 midfielder Ned Zelic (37) for the 1999 Oceania award.

He also beat past award winners Mark Bosnich and Christian Karembeu.

Haas a pacifist

BERLIN, Dec 29: German tennis player Tommy Haas has told German weekly Bunte he does not want to be considered for military service in the German army, reports AFP.

Twenty-one-year-old Haas said in the issue that will appear Thursday that his conscience prevented him from accepting the call-up -- national service is compulsory in Germany.

TV Guide

Thursday 30th December
All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 HARDtalk 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today, Inc.

World Business Report 9:00 News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 HARDtalk

11:30 Top Gear 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Film India 1:00 World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Century To Century 3:00 USA 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Top Gear 9:00 World News 9:30 HARDtalk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Money Wise Presented By Sucharita Ghose (On Indian Business) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 The World Today 12:30 World Focus: Century To Century 1:00 USA 1:00 World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:30 World Focus: Century To Century 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Radical Highs 3/3 4:30 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

pus 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Laga 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] VJ Laila (N) 11:00 [V] Patli Gully 11:30 Late Night [V] 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Naina 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show 9:30 TVC Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 90-99 The Dynamic Decade-Annual Business Review

12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Sansar 2:00 Aur Phir Ek Din 2:30 Swabhiman 3:00 Kahan Me Twist 3:30 Jubilee Plus 4:00 Say Cheese 4:30 Spiderman 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Animal Adventure 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Maal Hai To Tall Hai 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Zindagi Com 8:30 Li Duniya Ke Sitare: Kids Baby Farida, Omkar Kapur & Baby Gazala 9:00 Ajeeb Dastaan 9:30 Star News 10:00 Kinetic Mega Show 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 90-99 The Dynamic Decade-News Roundup 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Danger Field 2:30 Manhunter 3:30 Tropical Heat 4:30 Movie TV 5:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

Weber) 12:00 Action: Spaw (15) 2:00 Action: Never Say Never Again (*Sean Connery, Kim Basinger, Barbara Carrera, Klaus Maria Brandauer)

STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Animale Adventure 8:00 Sorry! 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Buffy The Vampire 10:00 Alley Mc Beal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

12:00 Series: The Practice 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 The Things People Do 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP In Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:00 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 The Wizard Of Oz On Ice 7:00 Series: Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Due South 9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Special Event: Life's Greatest Holiday Stories 11:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Fresh Vj Shehnaz 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line Vj Malaka 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select Vj Nikhil 4:30 MTV Most Wanted Vj Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Cinemascope 8:00 MTV TrueLife AIDS Special 8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full Vj Nafisa 10:30 MTV Gaao Baby Gao 11:00 Mtv Lovelife 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 Non-Stop Hits 2:00 MTV Land Vj Mike/ Jamie/ Sarah 5:00 MTV Top Vj Francis 6:00 MTV Party Zone Vj Sonia

STAR MOVIE

7:45 Drama: The Sun-chaser 10:00 Drama: Wing And A Prayer (12) 11:45 Comedy: Sister Act (*Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, Harvey Keitel (Pg) 1:30 Sci-Fi: Millenium (15) 3:15 Thriller: Jumpin' Jack Flash (*Whoopi Goldberg, Jonathan Pryce, Jim Belushi) 15:00 Comedy: Brassed Off (15) 2:45 Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Talimi Malumat 4:35 Aurat Aur Kanoot 5:25 Serial 5:55

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tar-juma/Hamid/Naat 8:20 8:45 Cu Piee 9:20 Aahang & Roshi 9:45 Phool Chandi 10:05 Serial 10:30 Buttons And Raas 10:55 Mili Nagma 1:10 0 Non-Stop Hits 2:00 MTV Land Vj Mike/ Jamie/ Sarah 5:00 MTV Top Vj Francis 6:00 MTV Party Zone Vj Sonia

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