

EURO 2000 GOAL SCORERS

BRUSSELS, June 13 (AP): Euro 2000 finals scorers after Monday's Group A matches:

- 1 - Bart Goor (Bel), Emile Mpenza (Bel), Johan Mjallby (Swe), Filippo Inzaghi (Ita), Antonio Conte (Ita), Okan Buruk (Tur), Laurent Blanc (Fra), Thierry Henry (Fra), Sylvain Wiltord (Fra), Frank de Boer (Ned), Vlora Moldovan (Rom), Mehmet Scholl (Ger), Paul Seeholz (Eng), Steve McManaman (Eng), Luis Figo (Por), Joao Pinto (Por), Nuno Gomes (Por)

Only the best for Iraq!

BAGHDAD, June 13: Iraq's President Saddam Hussein has given instructions to hire the "best foreign coach" for the national team, without specifying what nationality would be acceptable, newspapers reported today, says AFP.

Saddam's eldest son Uday, president of the Iraqi Olympic Committee, said the decision was taken to "serve the sport and Iraqi sportsmen."

Iraq's team, which finished third after Iran and Syria in the King Hussein tournament in Amman in May, is currently coached by the Iraqi Adnan Hamad.

The proposed recruitment of a foreign coach has been in the centre of debate in Iraqi newspapers over recent months.

Kallis joins

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Symcox was not willing to divulge the name, he did not believe it was his place to do so.

"Also you hear of all these threats and death threats, so maybe it's not a good idea," he said to laughter in a room again packed with journalists and members of the public.

He was referring to a statement by UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher on Monday that both he and Cronje had been threatened.

Richardson also testified about the offer made to the South African team by Cronje in Mumbai before a one-day international in December 1996.

He said Cronje had first mentioned the offer to senior players during a meeting.

This was followed by a full team meeting at which Andrew Hudson, who has since retired from international cricket, led opposition to accepting the offer.

Then he stayed on in Cronje's room and there was further discussion between some senior players. He could not remember Cronje negotiating a higher offer on the telephone as testified by Symcox.

Richardson said he believed the team were vulnerable at the time because of dissatisfaction with the timing of the game, at the end of a demanding tour, and the fact that it had been upgraded to an official one-day international.

"In any other circumstances such an offer would not have been entertained. It was the one and only occasion in more than eight years of international cricket where such an offer was discussed in a team environment," said Richardson.

Richardson said he recommended the appointment of people in team managerial positions who had the trust of the players and their "ear to the ground".

He admitted there was an "us and them" situation in India in 1996 when manager Robbie Muzzell, a UCBSA board member, was not informed of a bribery offer.

Richardson said too many meaningless international games were played which were open to abuse.

Kallis told the hearing that he was "absolutely shattered, totally shocked" when he first heard that Cronje had admitted receiving money from a bookmaker for providing match-fixing information.

"I thought he was the last person in the world who would do such a thing," he said.

Kallis also spoke about the fifth Test against England at Centurion Park in January which had been the subject of a deal between Cronje and England captain Nasser Hussain after three days had been lost because of rain.

Kallis said he was strongly opposed to the idea of contriving a result and said his view was shared by most of the team.

However, he said in the end the match had turned out to be one of the most exciting in which he had ever played.

India in a

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fearing a backlash from the CBI were dumbfounded at Bacher's match-fixing claims.

The match took place at the height of the Kargil border clashes between India and Pakistan, a former Test star said. "Only a cricketer with very low morals would have gone against his own country in those days."

"It's a relief India won that game because you can only be bribed for losing, not winning," he said.

Pakistan, chasing India's modest 227-6 from 50 overs, were shot out for 180 in the 46th over.

Indian seamer Venkatesh Prasad finished with five for 27 and Jagavat Srinath took three for 37 as Pakistan lost wickets at regular intervals.

Inzamamul Haq, who was in cracking form during the tournament, top-scored for Pakistan with 41 off 93 balls. Saeed Anwar made 36 off 44 balls, while Moin Khan hit 34 off 37.

Andersson's call for the '94 spirit



He picked out Turkey's Hakan Sukur, who agreed to join Inter Milan Monday, as a man to watch in this tournament. "He has had a great season with Galatasaray, who won the UEFA Cup, and he could be dangerous."

Sweden's other remaining group B opponents are Italy and Andersson believes he can give



KENNET ANDERSSON

some of the other players pointers as he is a regular in Serie A.

"My other role is to try and keep some of the younger players, who haven't been in a tournament situation, motivated," explained Andersson. "A month is a long time and teams can start badly then run into form

just at the right time. That happens time after time at major tournaments so we should not be downhearted."

Andersson made his debut on February 17, 1990 against Saudi Arabia, meaning he has a decade's international experience to hand on to the younger squad members.

Of the Italians Andersson said: "They always have a good team even if the people in Italy are critical and of course they are favourites for the group."

He admitted he did not know many of the Italian team very well, but added he was certain they were delighted to win the first game.

"It makes a big difference to get your first win and as they are such a big nation it looks like they will make the quarter-finals," Andersson added.

He may already be in the Pantheon of Swedish goalkeepers with his 1994 exploits but the Kennet Andersson of the year 2000 is still eager to keep his country in this very open tournament.

"Many teams could win this event and it's one of the most open ones for years. I think that's because coaching techniques are getting better in the smaller countries and this can only be good for football," he said.

And a superb performance by Andersson in their final two group games can only be good for a Swedish side needing character by the bucket loads if they want to continue past the pool stage in this tournament.

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Croft recalled for first Test against WI

LONDON, June 13: There was good news for Robert Croft when England named their team here Tuesday for the first Test of five against the West Indies starting at Edgbaston on Thursday, reports AFP.

Having already released young leg-spinner Chris Schofield — allowing him to play in Lancashire's four-day match against New Zealand A — officials informed Kent all-rounder Mark Ealham and Durham fast bowler Steve Harmison they are also free to return to their counties.

It means a return to the Test arena for Glamorgan off-spinner Croft — 18 months after his last appearance — while Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Ed Giddins and all-rounder Andrew Flintoff will make up the team.

Chairman of selectors David Graveney said: "Because the championship games are starting on Wednesday, it always leaves us in a difficult position about when we release players."

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TEAM

Nasser Hussain (captain), Michael Atherton, Mark Ramprakash, Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart (wicketkeeper), Nick Knight, Andrew Flintoff, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Ed Giddins.

Match drawn

C'paul hits another ton

LONDON, June 13: Shivnarine Chanderpaul warmed up for Thursday's first Test against England with a fluent unbeaten century as the West Indies played out a draw against Zimbabwe in the final first-class at Arundel Monday, reports AP.

West Indies settled for valuable batting practice and declared on 200 for five, leaving Zimbabwe 333 to win in 39 overs. Zimbabwe were 108 for one when the game was called off after 36 overs.

Chanderpaul, 103 not out, cracked 18 fours in his 149-ball knock and took control after the West Indies lost openers Adrian Griffith (17) and Ramaresh Sarwan (19) in the first nine overs.

It was Chanderpaul's second century in three first-class matches following his unbeaten 161 in the tour opener against Worcestershire at New Road.

Chanderpaul added 62 in 14 overs with captain Jimmy Adams, who after scoring 21 attempted to drive left-arm spinner Dirk Viljoen and was stumped by captain Andy Flower.

Chanderpaul, having reached his 50 from 102 deliveries, needed only 45 more to score his hundred.

Zimbabwe had to make do without medium paceman Muleki Nkala (stomach muscle) and Neil Johnson (side strain) and tried seven bowlers on a slow pitch.

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CZECHS SO FRIENDLY

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LATEST ODDS

Portugal's odds on winning the European Championship for the first time shortened considerably from 22-1 to 10-1 with the bookmakers on Tuesday after their thrilling come from behind 3-2 win over England in Eindhoven.

Meanwhile bookmakers Williams Hill also shortened the odds on France to 11-2 after defending titlists Germany's poor performance in a 1-1 with Romania.

The French have taken over from the Dutch as title favourites after a confident 3-0 beating of Denmark while the Netherlands scraped a lucky 1-0 victory over the Czech Republic.

"You can't imagine how much self-confidence these supporters give to our players," said coach Jozef Chovanec. "It's even more moving than the World Cup in 1990."

During that World Cup in Italy, which took place shortly after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, tens of thousands of Czech fans travelled hundreds of kilometres (miles) to support their side.

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