

Hiddink taking over ROK?

SEOUL, Nov 29: South Korea are lining up former Dutch national coach Guus Hiddink to take charge of their World Cup campaign after a string of disappointing results, reports AFP. A Korea Football Association (KFA) spokesman told AFP on Wednesday: "We have sent out a proposal to him asking him to answer by December 10. But we have not received a reply so far."

According to the Korean media, however, Hiddink has already agreed contract details and forced the KFA to agree to let him appoint his coaching team.

Hiddink, who took Holland to the semi-finals of the 1998 World Cup, reportedly asked for a signing bonus of one million dollars and a salary of at least three million dollars over two years.

South Korea, who co-host the 2002 World Cup finals with Japan, have been seeking a big name replacement for current coach Huh Jung-Mu for several months. But the search was stepped up after they were beaten by Saudi Arabia in the semi-finals of the Asian Cup in October.

While the new coach will have to put fire into the national team, the disappointment of their results was compounded by the victory of rival Japan in the Asian Cup final.

If the Hiddink deal is confirmed his first match in charge will be against Japan in Tokyo on December 20.

Anne Jacquart, who master-minded France's triumph at the last World Cup, had been top of the list, but Jacquart repeatedly told Korean envoys he did not want to return to management, media reports said.

The Dutchman has a formidable record in Europe. He guided PSV Eindhoven to the European Cup in 1988 and Real Madrid to the same title, even though the Spanish giants sacked him shortly after.

The Dutchman was being lined up for a job at Scottish side Celtic this year after being backed by another Spanish team Real Betis. He has also been in charge at Valencia in Spain and Turkey's Fenerbahce.

Current coach Huh is expected to stay on the staff.

Botafogo appoints Lazaroni

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 29: Former Brazilian national football coach Sebastiao Barroso Lazaroni has been appointed coach of Brazilian First Division side Botafogo for the 2001 season, the club announced Tuesday, reports AFP.

The 50-year-old Lazaroni, who coached Brazil for two years leading them to the 1990 World Cup, will replace Antonio Clemente, who stepped in as interim coach following the sacking of Joel Santana.

The Rio de Janeiro-born Lazaroni has lead several Brazilian and foreign teams and won the Rio de Janeiro tournament in 1986 with Flamengo, and the Saudi Arabian Cup in 1995 with Al-Hilal.

He also coached Italian sides Fiorentina and Bari, along with Leon (Mexico), Fenerbahce (Turkey) and Shanghai (China).

During his time with the Brazilian squad he lead them to 19 wins out of 30 games, notably the 1989 Copa America.

Sex scandal

Israeli booters face disciplinary action

JERUSALEM, Nov 29: Several members of Israel's national under-21 football team face disciplinary action over allegations they were involved in a sex orgy with an 18-year-old woman ahead of an international tie last month, press reports said Wednesday.

The Israel Football Association plans to lay charges before its disciplinary court by Sunday against seven players alleged to have engaged in a bout of pre-game illicit sex last month, the *Haaretz* newspaper reported.

The IFA is set to charge them only with misconduct and with breaching national team regulations to avoid embarrassing testimony of the young players' sexual escapades, which would, in any case be difficult to prove, it said.

Last week, IFA chairman Gavri Levy ordered the squad to be disbanded until the completion of the investigation into the scandal.

Israel's *Maariv* newspaper reported that several players in the squad had sex with the same girl before their Euro 2002 Group 7 qualifier against Bosnia on October 10.

According to private detectives engaged by Levy, the romp took place at a hotel near Tel Aviv, with the players taking turns with the girl -- who comes from a respected family -- after each one had individually asked her up to their respective rooms.

It is the latest sex scandal to rock Israeli football.

In March, several members of the national team narrowly escaped disciplinary action after claims they were involved in a sex romp on the eve of their humiliating 5-0 thrashing by Denmark in a Euro 2000 play-off in November last year.

The team's coach Shlomo Sharf resigned after the disastrous Euro performance, although he denied any knowledge of the players' antics. He was replaced in December by former Denmark and Finland coach Richard Moller Nielsen.

Argentina revel over Boca



BUENOS AIRES, Nov 29: Euphoric crowds gathered here Tuesday in answer to the Argentine press' demand's call for a national "iesta" after Boca Juniors beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the Intercontinental cup in Tokyo, reports AFP.

Argentine president Fernando de la Rua, a fanatical Boca fan, described his overwhelming joy at the victory:

"Today is a 'iesta' for all Argentina, it doesn't matter which team you support because this was an Argentine side that won," said de la Rua who spoke to goal-scorer Palermo via satellite link.

"They're all jealous of me because I spoke to the star of the match," he said waving a hand at the celebrating crowd in the presidential office.

Boca went two up in the first six minutes after a double-punch from man-of-the-match Martin Palermo, who was speechless after the match.

"How are you, Fernando?" was all the Palermo, known as "Loco" (crazy) could manage.

The president, like many in Argentina was "loco" with joy as parties were due to go on all day. Half of Argentina had got up early to see the match that kicked off shortly after seven in the morning local time.

Crowds gathered, as is traditional, at the city centre Obelisk on Avenida 9 Julio, where much of the singing was dedicated to the mockery of Boca's arch rivals River Plate.

Former Boca captain and self-declared No1 fan Diego Maradona praised coach Carlos Bianchi for both his intelligence and tactical brilliance after the victory.

"I was sure Boca would win and win with style," said Maradona, who went on to insist that the Spaniards had approached the game with equal

intent to Boca.

"It really bugged me, these people going round saying Madrid weren't interested in this cup. It's an outright lie! They were dying to win it," he said.

"Oh how I would have loved

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