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English League Cup

Liverpool's shock exit

Football

AFP, London

Liverpool's hold on the League Cup was ended Tuesday as First Division Grimsby came back from a goal down to beat them 2-1 at Anfield in the last minute of extratime in their third round tie and pull off their first win there in 24 visits.

While Grimsby, known as the Mariners, pulled off the shock of the night the performance of the evening came from English Premiership leaders Leeds United who thrashed struggling managerless Leicester City 6-0 with Robbie Keane scoring a hat-trick - a sight that will not have encouraged a watching Dave Bassett to take the

Grimsby looked down and out after a gritty defensive display took them into extra-time at 0-0 but when veteran Scotsman Gary McAllister drilled home a penalty in the 102nd minute they looked to be on the way

However 11 minutes later they were level as on-loan striker Marlon Broomes, whom Blackburn Rovers had given permission to play, scored from 12 yards out and an amazing night was complete when former Everton striker and Liverpool

fan Phil Jevons shot past England Under-21 'keeper Chris Kirkland, who will remember his debut for all the wrong reasons

Grimsby's veteran manager Lenny Lawrence hailed his side's extraordinary performance as probably the best in their history.

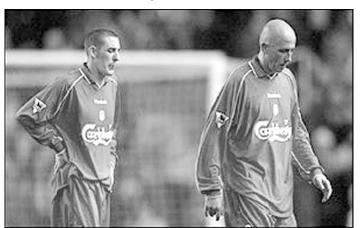
"This is a result that will live in the memory of everyone in Grimsby for ever," he said.

"It was a magnificent night and a wonderful fightback. It was arguably the best result in the club's history.

"I had a lot of young players out there, some playing in unfamiliar positions. But they gave everything and it was a wonderful fightback, I'm so proud of them," he added.

Meanwhile Leeds ran rampant at Leicester - winners of the League Cup twice in the last five renewals to record their biggest ever win in the competition as Keane showed he was very much back on form.

There was relief too for Australian striker Mark Viduka as he scored his first goal in eight games while Norwegian international Eirik Bakke and Viduka's compatriot Harry Kewell also got in on the rout to reaffirm Leicester's caretaker manager Gary Parker's belief that he is not ready to step up to the job in a full time capacity.



Dejected Liverpool players Gary McAllister (R), and Peter Wright walking off the pitch after losing to Grimsby at Anfield on October 9.

Draw won't bow to terror



AFP, Seoul

World Cup organisers insisted Wednesday the draw for next year's tournament will go ahead as planned on December 1 despite reports it could be postponed because of the US air strikes in Afghanistan.

But South Korean authorities announced military and police commandos will form security teams to protect the football finals, which are being co-hosted by Japan, and the Asian Games which will also be in Korea next year.

Japanese media reports said the World Cup draw, scheduled to be held in the city of Pusan on December 1, could be called off because of the international terrorist

But Moon Dong-Hoo, secretarygeneral of the Korea World Cup Organizing Committee (KOWOC), said there would be no change to the schedule of events.

"Some World Cup preliminary games are still to be played in Asia, but none of those countries affected by the military action have qualified for the finals," Moon said.

"Therefore it is not proper to raise questions over the World Cup schedule at this time," he said.

KOWOC also released a statement reaffirming preparations for the draw for the eight groups for the

"The final draw event for the KOREA APAN 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan will be held in Pusan, Korea's second largest city, on Saturday, December 1," declared the state

About 3,500 people including top dignatories from the international governing body and the 32 nations qualified for the finals are expected to be present The South Korean army mean-

while said its anti-terrorist and rescue operations unit would team up with police commandos and navy specialists to guard the World Cup, which runs from May 31 to June 30 next year.

The network will be responsible for the security of World Cup venues, athletes and foreign guests, it

The army will also provide some 2,300 soldiers for the Asian Games to be held in the southern city of Pusan from September 29.

After the September 11 suicide strikes on New York's World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. South Korea has already announced measures such as nofly zones over the country's 10 World Cup stadiums.

But police promised to impose even tighter security after the United States and China were added to the competing teams.

The host nations will take a final look at preparations to guard teams after the December 1 draw, officials

Mazzone disciplined



Brescia coach Carlo Mazzone was Tuesday handed a five-match touchline ban for his behaviour towards fans of rival-club Atalanta during the 3-3 Lombardy draw on September 30, Italian football chiefs announced.

Maurizio Laudi, the 'football judge' in charge of the case, said that Mazzone's conduct could have provoked an "indisciplined response" from supporters and said that a coach must be "an example for his players and also for support-

Atalanta were fined nearly 11,000 dollars for the behaviour of their fans while Brescia earned a fine of just less than 1.500 dollars.

Mazzone, angered by comments made by Atalanta fans, ran 60 metres to celebrate in front of opposing supporters after his team's late equaliser, making gestures and shouting at them.

The veteran, at 64 the oldest coach in Serie A. then continued his outburst after the match in media interviews, even questioning the honour of women from Bergamo where Atalanta are based.

The match had been designated a high-risk game by police who had put special plans into operation.



RONALDO ON THE NET: Brazil and Inter Milan superstar Ronaldo smiles during a photo shoot on the occasion of the launching of his internet website R9ronaldo.com at Milan on October 9

On quality, Brazil is up there among the world's best: Scolari



After Brazil's 2 0 win against Chile coach Luis Felipe Scolari can afford to feel more than slightly relieved, but he knows that the road ahead is a tortuous one.

The World Cup qualifiers will be wrapped up in November, with games against Bolivia on the 8th of November in La Paz, and on the 14th versus Venezuela, with the venue still to be confirmed. Should Brazil end up in fifth place, they will have to play off for a place in the World Cup finals against Australia.

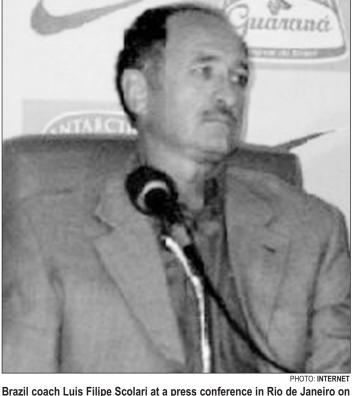
In the collective press interview after the Chile game, 'Big Phil' emphasised the dazzling display put on by the Flamengo striker Edilson: "The last was the first", said the coach, referring to the late call up of Edilson after Ronaldo (Inter Milan) was dropped due to injury and the fact that the Flamengo striker scored the first goal.

He also praised the team doctor, Dr. Jose Luiz Runco, who worked tirelessly to ensure Rivaldo and Cafu were fully fit for the game.

The Barcelona striker, who scored Brazil's second goal spectacularly at full stretch, ran immediately to embrace Runco, to thank

According to 'Big Phil', the fact that the team worked so hard on the psychological element of their game helped enormously.

"The players were prepared to handle some supporter dissatisfac-



Emerson wore the captain's armband because he deserved it. Scolari said that the sweeper showed his natural leadership abilities during the pre-match training both on and off the field.

Roque Junior may have lost his first team place. 'Big Phil' said that

Juan performed impeccably and Edmilson was also a key player in his debut. He added that he believed that it was the defence that has developed the most over the last month or so.

In terms of the future, Luis Felipe is focused on qualifying: "I agreed with the CBF president, Ricardo

cannot say what will happen after that has been accomplished. I would love to lead the national team in the World Cup, it is any coach's dream, but this can only be decided once the qualifying rounds are over.' "If it were to depend on quality, our team is up there among the

Teixeira, that I would do my best to

get Brazil into the World Cup finals. I

world's best. There was good reason why the Chilean coach conceded at the end of the press interview that: "It is extremely difficult to contain Brazil's creativity on a good

The Brazilian national team has always been strong in attack, however lately there have been a lot of

Scolari is likely to call up 35-yearold Romario for the La Pas World Cup qualifying clash with Bolivia.

When Ronaldo appeared to have a leg injury right before the clash against Chile and had to miss all the training sessions, Rivaldo took a striker's role and proved to be the

That's when Scolari thought about the magic triangle - Romario-Rivaldo-Denilson. Romario scored 6 goals in two rounds of the national championship justifying Scolari's

"If I would play in Europe I would be called the best player worldwide. My main goal is scoring and my rival is of no importance. The Brazilian league is not less then European Leagues" - said Romario, who has scored 802 goals as a professional but doesn't even think about ending

Ireland seek clarification



AFP, Dublin

Republic of Ireland football officials said Tuesday they hope to find out more information about their World Cup play-off arrangements by the end of the week

Having finished second to Portugal on goal difference after completing their 10 Group Two qualifying games with seven wins and three draws, Mick McCarthy's side will now face an as yet unknown team from the Asian

Into that category come Saudi Arabia, Iran, Uzbekistan and the United Arab Emirates, all close to the current Middle-East conflict.

The first play-off game is scheduled for Lansdowne Road in Dublin on Saturday, November 10 with the

Football Association of Ireland

(FIA) president Milo Corcoran and chief executive Brendan Menton are due to fly out to Prague on Wednesday for the UEFA Congress on Thursday and Friday hoping for

further clarification. "We will be having urgent talks over the next 48-hours with senior FIFA officials who will be attending

the Congress," said Menton. The FAI have already had telehone conversations with FIFA and have since sent them a letter outlining their reservations.

"We are looking for a quick decision by the governing body of football as this would be in the nterests of all parties concerned.

"Both FAI and FIFA recognise

that military action which started in Afghanistan on Sunday might crease the difficulties." FIFA are unlikely to make any final decisions until the current

Asian group matches are completed and that will not be, if all goes as planned, until 10 days before the first match in Dublin.

Amoroso banned for three games

CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, Nyon, Switzerland

Borussia Dortmund's Brazilian striker Marcio Amoroso will miss the remainder of his side's Champions League group phase first round games after he was banned for three-matches by European football's governing body UEFA.

The 27-year-old 6.6million dollar record summer signing from Parma Serginho during the 2-1 Champions League defeat by Portuguese club Boavista on September 26.

He will miss the three Group B matches against Boavista, Dynamo Kiev and Liverpool.

Amoroso's suspension is a major setback for coach Matthias Sammer as Dortmund have only garnered two points from their three matches so far in the competition and are third in the table three points adrift of second-placed Liverpool and trail leaders Boavista by five

Matthaeus pulls for Kahn



REUTERS, Berlin

Lothar Matthaeus, who captained Germany to the 1990 World Cup, has advised national coach Rudi Voeller to give the armband to goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Current captain Oliver Bierhoff has come under fire since wasting three great chances in a goalless with Finland on Saturday which left Germany needing to beat Ukraine in a two-legged play-off next month to qualify for next year's World Cup finals.

Bierhoff as a substitute is not a solution, neither for him nor for the ' Matthaeus told team. Wednesday's Bild daily.

"Rudi cannot guarantee him a place in the starting line-up. Therefore Oliver Kahn is the right captain.

Bayern Munich's Kahn has deputised for Bierhoff in recent months, wearing the armband when

Bierhoff was not playing.

Matthaeus, who has won a German record 150 caps and ended his international career after Euro 2000, said the players were to blame for the sorry state of the national team.

"The players are too easily satisfied with themselves and think that only others make mistakes, said the Rapid Vienna coach.

"Before and during my last European Championship the players used to hide behind (then head coach) Erich Ribbeck and myself. They were always saying that Erich had no idea what he was doing and I was too old

"Rudi Voeller must be careful that we don't return to where we were under Ribbeck's guidance two years ago.'

Matthaeus said he believed Voeller should stay on and urge his men to show pride following the 0-0 England in Munich.

"The sneers hurt but the situation is even worse," he said. "We can still make the World Cup but Voeller must really tell the players to get a

Asia wants five

New AFC logo unveiled



2002 FIFA WORLD CUP

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

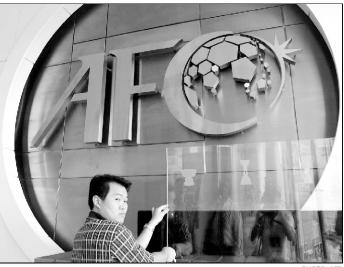
The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Wednesday demanded five automatic berths in the 2006 World Cup as it unveiled a new logo to spur the "magical" game in Asia.

"We are entering a new millen-

"AFC" in white logotype on blue with a stylised football globe depicting Asia in a series of hexagonal shapes set in gold with a rising sun behind it.

"As a confederation, we have emerged as a key player on the international stage. Against this backdrop, it is only fitting that we adopt a new identity. The logo, to be launched

Wednesday night by AFC president Sultan Ahmad Shah along with the



A worker putting the final touches on the new Asian Football Confederation (AFC) logo at the organisation's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on October

nium where the image of football has evolved over the years from a game to an industry," AFC general

secretary Peter Velappan told AFP. "The game has become magical Asia has 3.2 billion people representing more than 60 percent of the world population."

The new logo, replacing one

inaugurated in 1954, has the letters

in Bukit Jalil south of Kuala Lumpur. underlines the belief that in football "the future is Asia", Velappan said. AFC would continue to fight for five automatic berths in the 2006

against a European side, he said

AFC gallery at the new AFC House

World Cup instead of the present

four places and one play-off chance

Velappan said he was confident the AFC would win the extra berth in future. "This is almost certain because many in FIFA believe Asia should be given more places in the World Cup. We will fight for it." Velappan said Asian teams

In 1999, AFC threatened to

boycott the 2002 World Cup if FIFA

failed to resolve the row over berth

allocation, but did not carry it

should perform well to strengthen AFC's case. "We look forward for five teams in the 2006 World Cup in Identifying the challenges for Asian teams in the new millennium

and drug abuse. "We will continue to be vigilant to fight the problems. We are encouraged by the fact that we are winning the battle." he said, adding that the

he said AFC would fight corruption

drug scourge was under control. There are very few players in Asia consuming drugs. We do carry out regular doping control. Most of them turn out to be negative.

"We are also working towards providing a better deal for players in order to increase their commitment

and quality. We also want to see more players going to Europe to earn the professional trade.' Velappan, who is FIFA's coordinating director for the 2002 World Cup, to be co-hosted by Japan and South Korea, said future World Cups should be jointly hosted

host alone. "There are not more than 12 countries in the world who can single-handedly host a World Cup of 32 teams." he said

since only a dozen countries in FIFA

have the resources and expertise to

Velappan said FIFA had 204 members and everybody should be given an equal opportunity. "Cohosting may be the best solution for