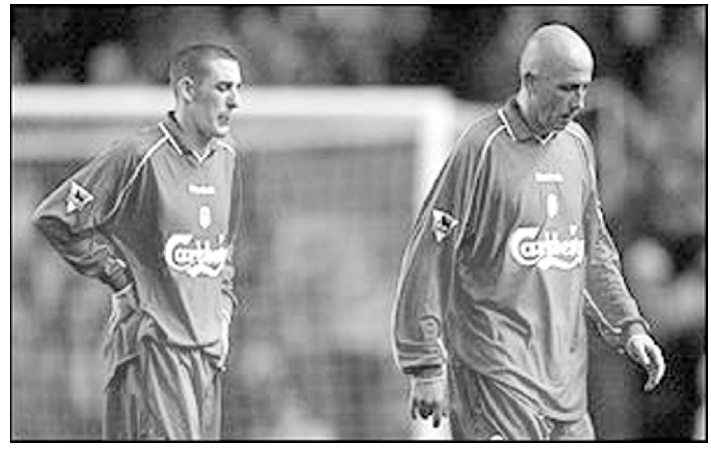


English League Cup Liverpool's shock exit

Football AFP, London

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

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.



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

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN 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.

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

Mazzone disciplined

Football AFP, Milan

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.

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.



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

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN INTERNET, Rio de Janeiro

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.



Brazil coach Luis Felipe Scolari at a press conference in Rio de Janeiro on October 9.

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.

Teixeira, that I would do my best to get Brazil into the World Cup finals. I 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.

Asia wants five New AFC logo unveiled

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN 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.



A worker putting the final touches on the new Asian Football Confederation (AFC) logo at the organisation's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on October 10.

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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 through. 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."

Ireland seek clarification

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN 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.

(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.

Amoroso banned for three games

UEFA 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.

was punished for his foul on Serginho during the 2-1 Champions League defeat by Portuguese club Boavista on September 26.

Matthaeus pulls for Kahn

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN 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.

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.