

Turkey trip for England

Vogts vs motherland



AFP, Porto

England must negotiate a daunting trip to Turkey if they are to reach the finals of the 2004 European championships.

Sven Goran Eriksson's men must travel to the top seeds in Group 7 after the draw for the qualifying competition was made here on Friday.

In recent seasons, English clubs have suffered a torrid time in Turkey - just two seasons ago, two Leeds United fans were killed before a UEFA Cup match with Istanbul-based Galatasaray.

Also in Group 7 are Slovakia, Macedonia and minnows Liechtenstein.

Eriksson said: "It is good that we are not against France, Germany and Spain, the big countries in Europe."

"But it is never easy to go to Turkey and Macedonia to play football."

"Turkey have improved a lot in recent years at club level and also the national team."

"I am a little bit happier today than after the draw for the World Cup," he added, referring to England's draw against Argentina, Nigeria and Eriksson's home nation Sweden in the finals later this year.

Turkey coach Senol Gunes said he was happy to meet England.

"We are looking forward to playing England," he said. "They are a very strong team but, at the same time, we shouldn't underestimate Slovakia. They have some very good players."

Gunes said Turkey wanted to rid itself of the thugs among its football fans.

"This fanaticism is like terrorism," he said. "They are not football fans and we do not want them behind the team."

World and European champions France should have an easier time, with Slovenia and Israel the main threats in Group 1, which also includes Cyprus and Malta.

French coach Roger Lemerre said: "It's a group which gives us a lot of hope for qualification for the finals. Slovenia and Israel will be

our main opponents but we must be careful not to slip up against countries who are battling for their lives."

"We know Cyprus and Israel of course and Israel blocked our route to the World Cup finals in the United States in 1993 when we all thought we were already there."

Germany will face Scotland in Group 5, setting up an intriguing clash as former German coach Bert Vogts is set to be named the new Scottish manager.

Current German boss Rudi Voller was in no doubt that Vogts would be leading Scotland when they played Germany.

He said after the draw: "It's sensational that we've been drawn in the same group as Bert Vogts. It's particularly delightful for Bert

to play against his old team."

"He's an old fox and it's hard to hide anything from him. Naturally he'll want to beat us and achieve something with Scotland."

The other teams in Group 5 are Iceland, Lithuania and the Faroe Islands.

The draw was an emotional day for legendary Portuguese footballer Eusebio who was invited to help make the draw on his 60th birthday.

Giovanni Trapattoni, the coach of Italy who were beaten by France in the 2000 final, had no complaints about his team's Group 9 draw against Yugoslavia, Finland, Wales and Azerbaijan.

"I'm reasonably satisfied. We're in a well-balanced group without any outstanding sides. My only fear is the playoffs, which are to be

avoided."

Spain, whose international form so often fails to match the achievements of their clubs, were pitched against Ukraine, Greece, Northern Ireland and Armenia in Group 6.

Spanish coach Jose Antonio Camacho was confident, saying: "It's our group for the taking. Italy's group is stronger ... and so is Germany with Scotland and Iceland."

Republic of Ireland, World Cup finalists later this year and who have flourished under coach Mick McCarthy, were drawn in a tough Group 10, also including Russia, Switzerland, Georgia and Albania.

Only the group winners, as well as Portugal who will host the finals, are guaranteed places in the finals. Play-offs between the 10 runners-up will decide the identity of the remaining five teams in the 16-nation event.

The qualifying matches will be played on September 7 and 8, 2002; October 12 and 13, 2002; October 15 and 16, 2002; March 29 and 30, 2003; April 1 and 2, 2003, June 7 and 8, 2003, June 10 and 11, 2003, September 6 and 7, 2003, September 9 and 10, 2003 and October 11 and 12, 2003.

The play-offs are scheduled for November 15 and 16 and 18 and 19, 2003.

The finals will take place in Portugal between June 12 and July 4, 2004 with the final being held in the refurbished Stadium of Light in Lisbon.

Despite their recent problems in qualifying for this year's World Cup finals, Germany are the still the team with a European pedigree worth boasting about having won the title three times - in 1972, 1980 and 1996 - as well as clinching two runners-up spots.

Only world champions France come anywhere near that record having been champions in 1984 and 2000.

The other European crowns have been won by the Soviet Union, who were champions in the event's first year in 1960, Spain in 1964, Czech Republic in 1976, a Ruud Gullit-inspired Netherlands in 1988 and Denmark in 1992.

The Danes were romantic winners having originally failed to qualify for the finals in Sweden. However, they were handed a second chance when Yugoslavia were kicked out of the event because of the war in the Balkans.

WEEKEND'S ACTION IN EUROPE

PRIMERA LIGA

(Kick off times 1600 GMT, unless otherwise stated)
Saturday: Celta Vigo v Real Sociedad (2030), Las Palmas v Valencia (2100)

Sunday: Alaves v Real Mallorca, Athletic Bilbao v Deportivo La Coruna, Barcelona v Espanyol, Sevilla v Espanyol, Valladolid v

Malaga, Villarreal v Tenerife, Real Zaragoza v Rayo Vallecano, Real Madrid v Real Betis (1900)

SERIE A

(14:00 GMT unless stated)
Saturday: Parma v Bologna (19:30 GMT)

Sunday: Atalanta v Fiorentina, Lecce v Brescia, AC Milan v Udinese, Perugia v Verona, AS Roma v Piacenza, Torino v Lazio, Venezia v Inter Milan, Chievo v Juventus (19:30 GMT)

BUNDESLIGA

Saturday: 1860 Munich v Cologne, Borussia Monchengladbach v Kaiserslautern, Bayer Leverkusen v Hansa Rostock, SC Freiburg v Nuremberg, VfB Stuttgart v SV Hamburg, Schalke 04 v Bayern Munich, St. Pauli v VfL Wolfsburg
Sunday: Energie Cottbus v Werder Bremen, Borussia Dortmund v Hertha Berlin

FA CUP

(All 1500 GMT unless stated)

Saturday: Charlton v Walsall, Chelsea v West Ham, Everton v Leyton Orient, Gillingham v Bristol Rovers, Middlesbrough v Manchester United (12:00 GMT), Millwall v Blackburn, Preston v Sheffield United, Rotherham v Crewe, Tottenham v Bolton, West Brom v Leicester, York v Fulham

Sunday: Arsenal v Liverpool (13:00 GMT), Cheltenham v Burnley (13:00 GMT), Ipswich v Manchester City (19:00 GMT), Peterborough v Newcastle (16:00 GMT), Tranmere v Cardiff (13:00 GMT)

Mali's brave show

AFP, Bamako

Hosts Mali were a last-gasp save away from pulling off a stunning upset against favourites Nigeria but it was another goal-less day at the African Nations Cup here Thursday.

Mali, written off before the tournament began, were denied a famous win in front of 55,000 raucous home fans when Super Eagles keeper Ike Shorunmu leapt to parry away a Mamadou Bagayoko header in the dying minutes.

The match finished 0-0 to leave World Cup qualifiers Nigeria still heading Group A with four points after two matches with Mali second with two points. Algeria play Liberia



on Friday in Group A's next match. In Thursday's Group B match, South Africa's shaky start to the competition continued when they

were held to their second consecutive 0-0 draw by Ghana following the scoreless tie against Burkina Faso on Sunday.

Group B has been tagged the 'Group of Boredom' with all three games in Segou so far ending in 0-0 results. Burkina Faso play Morocco in the next match on Saturday.

It was a miserable day for South Africa's Quinton Fortune, who missed a penalty for 'Bafana Bafana' that would have given his side a precious win.

Ghana and South Africa have two points each and Burkina Faso and Morocco one and the spectre of the toss of a coin deciding which two teams qualify for the quarter-finals looms.

Flu flattens Zambia!

AFP, Bamako

Zambia's African Nations Cup hopes are in tatters with 20 members of their squad laid low by influenza or malaria, coach Roald Poulsen revealed Friday.

Zambia, due to face tournament dark horses Senegal in Group D on Saturday, are now facing up to the fact they will field a team of sick players for the game at the Modibo Keita Stadium.

Of the Zambians' 22-strong squad, two are confirmed as having malaria with 18 suffering from influenza, Danish coach Poulsen told AFP here Friday.

"It's unbelievable. I've never experienced anything like it in all my years of playing or coaching," said Poulsen, who has also been hit with the virus. "To have 20 players sick is incredible. We have to play the match against Senegal because there is no choice, but we will play it with most of the team well short of peak physical condition," he added.

Team doctors are monitoring the condition of the affected players round the clock, with fears that their could be more cases of malaria to come, Poulsen said.

Defender Hillary Makasa and midfielder Ian Bakala are the two players who have already come down with the virus, which is common in this area of Sub-Saharan west Africa.

"We're keeping a close eye on the players that are sick. The first symptoms of malaria are very similar to those of somebody suffering from a flu, so we don't know exactly how many cases of malaria



there are," he said.

"Our striker Dennis Lota for example is being treated for both influenza and malaria as a precaution."

Poulsen said he was at a loss to explain what could have been behind the outbreak.

"I really have no idea and nor do the doctors. We arrived here pretty early, and it might have happened then but we just don't know," Poulsen said.

"The trouble is that when you have 22 guys living together and rooming together for a period of time, if one or two players get sick then it's easy for it to spread."

The outbreak has left Poulsen's team - known as the 'Copper Bullets' - with an even more daunting task when they play Senegal.

"From what I have seen so far they are the best side in the tournament," he said. "We can only hope and pray that we have some luck," he said.

Spanish Cup Tristan Deportivo's hero

AFP, Madrid

Visitors Deportivo La Coruna needed just five minutes to show lowly Figueras who were in charge in their Spanish Cup semi-final first leg match on Thursday.

Third Division Figueras had been dreaming of taking another high-profile scalp after beating Barcelona earlier in the competition, but a magnificent early strike from Diego Tristan put paid to their hopes.

The Catalan side were trailing from the outset and were only saved from a second goal after the break from Tristan, whose extra-time penalty booked Deportivo's semi-final spot against Valladolid last week, by the post.

The 1-0 result leaves Figueras with a battle on their hands going into their return leg tie against the Gallacians on January 31.

Meanwhile, Athletic Bilbao came from behind to beat Spanish champions Real Madrid 2-1 in their semi-final first leg match on Wednesday.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10pm News Headlines
- 3:15 Desher Gaan
- 3:20 Shashatathya
- 3:45 Khelehdula
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:10 Debate in English
- 5:00 News Headlines
- 5:05 Bengali Movie: Ondho Bhalobasha
- 6:00 Khabar
- 7:00 News Headlines (English)
- 8:00 News in Bengali
- 8:30 Drama of the Week: Apu Tui Fire Aye
- 9:00 News Headlines
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:25 Drama Serial: Sensitive Samuraj 2
- 11:30 Khabar / The News
- 11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY TV

- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:05 Aiker Potrikay
- 12:20 Mokto Khobor
- 12:50 Bolte Chai
- 1:20 Classic Cartoons
- 2:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
- 2:30 Ei Shoptaho
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Jatra Pala
- 5:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Serial: Alif Laila
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Kena Kata
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 8:30 Bangla Film: Mohot
- 9:00 Ekushey News (English)
- 9:05 Bangla Film: Mohot
- 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Bangla Film: Mohot
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

ATN

- 5:30 Islamic prog.
- 7:00 Children Cholo Gan Gai Motamot
- 7:35 Musical prog.
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Musical prog
- 9:00 Film Songs Prog
- 9:35 Manazine prog
- 10:10 Drama Serial Goenda Kaheni
- 10:50 Bengali feature film: Srete Tuku Thak
- 12:00pm ATN Bangla News
- 6:07 Children Magazine Prog Shapla Saluk
- 6:45 Viewers request film songs prog
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Musical prog.
- 8:10 Weekly News Highlights
- 8:45 Drama Serial: Chomok Vila
- 9:20 Musical Prog
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Drama Sundorer Kache Chole Asha

BBC WORLD

- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 Talking Movies
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 Hospital
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 Click Online
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Correspondent
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Road to Riches
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 People's Century
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Holiday
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 This Week

HBO

- 6:30 The Swan Princess
- 8:15 The Ten commandments
- 12:30 Beethoven's 2nd
- 2:15 Night of the Creeps
- 4:00 Hard Target
- 6:00 Problem Child
- 7:45 Congo
- 10:00 The Art of War
- 12:15 Python
- 2:15 Donnie Brasco
- 5:00 Killer: A Journal of Murder

STAR GOLD

- 7:00 Mere Humsafar (Jeetendra, Sharmila Tagore)
- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Hageegat (Balraj Sahni, Dharmendra)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Dilljale (Ajay Devgan, Sonali Bendre)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Saturday Special Hum (Amilabh Bachchan, Govinda)
- 11:00 Raheem Na Raheem Hum
- 11:30 New Wave Cinema Kamla Ki Maut (Pankaj Kapoor, Rupa Ganguly)
- 12:30 Kamla Ki Maut (contd)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Dilljale (Ajay Devgan, Sonali Bendre)

STAR WORLD

- 6:00 Water Rats
- 7:00 The Simpsons

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- 3rd Rock From the Sun
- 8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 10:00 Rendezvous with Simi Garewal
- 10:30 Travel Asia
- 11:00 Fox Kids Stars
- 1:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 2:00 Mission Impossible
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 Error ASP
- 12:30 Xena
- 1:30 Hercules
- 2:30 Cops
- 3:00 Key of David
- 3:30 Morris Cerullo
- 4:00 Benny Hinn
- 4:30 Small Wonder
- 5:00 Mr Belvedere
- 5:30 Doogie Howser

STAR PLUS

- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Jubilee Plus
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids
- 10:30 National Geographic Special

11:30

- Chalti Ka Naam Antakshari
- 1:00 Eena Meena Deeka Sonpari
- 1:30 Charwali Uparwali
- 2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 2:30 National Geographic Special
- 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Mere Mahabood (Ashok Kumar, Sadhana)
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:30 Jannat
- 8:30 Republic Day (Sunny Deol, Akshay Kumar, Jackie)

11:30

- Aaj Ki Baat
- 12:00 Border (contd.)
- 1:30 Kundali
- 1:30 Kalash
- 1:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
- 2:00 Charwali Uparwali
- 2:30 Sonpari
- 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main
- 3:30 National Geographic Special
- 4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaron
- 5:00 Ssshhhh ... Koi Hai

STAR MOVIES

- 6:00 Attention Shoppers
- 7:15 Rambo 2
- 9:15 Instinct
- 10:45 White Sands
- 11:15 Hi Lo Country
- 3:15 U-571
- 5:15 X-men
- 7:00 Crush, the
- 8:30 Rough Air
- 10:30 Rambo 2
- 12:30 Mission to Mars

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 7:00p.m. **Kena Kata.** In this week's ultimate shopping guide there will be a feature on women's hostel in the segment *Kothay Pabo*. How much does it cost to make a passport see in *Danta Karnon*. Famous model-actor Shimul will talk about his shopping tips in *Star Shopping*.



AXN: 9:30p.m. **Die Hard.** New York policeman John McClane battles terrorists who have taken his wife and her company hostage, outwitting them with his wits, determination, edge-of-your-seat action and a wry twist of humour. Stars Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia and Alan Rickman.



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30p.m. **First Wave.** In 1564, Nostradamus - the man who saw tomorrow - foretold an apocalyptic invasion coming in three terrifying waves: the first wave - an elite infiltrative and saboteur force, the second wave - invasion from above, and the third wave - Armageddon. The First Wave is here. In tonight's episode the aliens' latest plan to destroy the earth is a virus contained in the latest version of a computer operating system.

2:30

- Little Richard
- 4:30 Attention Shoppers

DISCOVERY

- 7:30am Wild Discovery
- 8:30 Lonely Planet IV
- 9:30 Discovery Sunday
- 12:30 Ultimate Guide
- 1:30 Crime Night
- 2:30 Wild Discovery
- 3:30 Discovery Kids
- 4:30 Wings
- 5:30 Lonely Planet VI
- 6:30 Understanding
- 7:30 Wild Discovery
- 8:30 Science Frontiers
- 9:30 Terra X
- 10:30 Deadline Discovery
- 11:30 Wings

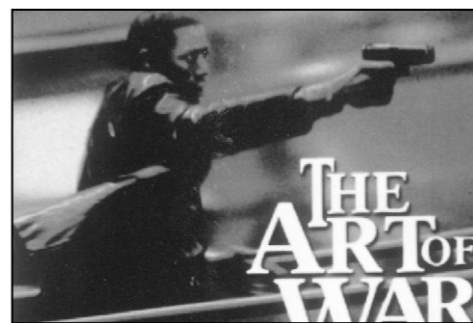
STAR NEWS

- 9:30 Star News English
- 10:00 Star News Hindi
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AXN TV

- 6:30 World's Most Shocking Moments Caught On Tape
- 7:30 DUAL
- 8:30 Curious Play
- 9:30 Rollerjam
- 10:30 The Right Stuff

PICK OF THE DAY



The Art of War
On HBO at 10:00 PM
At the dawn of the millennium, the UN will sign a trade treaty with China that will catapult China into the big league. But someone is trying to sabotage the summit, and secret agent Neil Shaw (Snipes, Passenger 57) and his boss Eleanor Hooks (Archer) believe that Chinese UN Ambassador Wong is behind everything. But when he is assassinated at a formal banquet, Shaw is mistaken for the assassin.

3:30

- Cats
- 4:00 Planet's funniest Animals
- 4:30 Monkey Business
- 5:00 Horse Tales Cowboy Dreams
- 5:30 The Cat
- 6:00 Felines & Pharoahs
- 6:30 A Love Hate Affair
- 7:00 Cheetah
- 8:00 Emergency Vets
- 8:30 Wildlife Emergency II
- 9:00 Animal Planet Safari
- 10:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
- 10:30 The Cat
- 11:00 Felines & Pharoahs
- 11:30 A Love Hate Affair
- 12:00 Cheetah

ZEE CINEMA

- 1:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- 1:30 Matti Balidan Ki Feature Film
- 4:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
- 4:15 Chehren
- 4:30 Yeh Desh Feature Film
- 7:00 Tara Rum
- 7:30 Daku Aur Bhagwan Feature Film
- 10:15 Movie Fare
- 10:30 Yeh Gulistan Hamara Feature Film
- 1:15 Madhyantar
- 1:30 Shaheed Feature Film
- 5:00 Darpan
- 5:15 Dadamoni (Ashok Kumar)
- 5:45 Film Time
- 6:00 Padosan Feature Film
- 9:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki

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- Wild Rescue III
- 9:00 Saturday Action
- 11:00 Animal Planet Safari
- 12:00 Animal Doctor III
- 12:30 Vets on The Wild Side</