

Pele picks Ballack

INTERNET, Berlin

Football king Pele thinks that German national team midfielder Michael Ballack can become one of the heroes of the 2002 World Cup.

In an interview to the English weekly World Soccer, the three-time world champion stated that the German national team that reached the 2002 World Cup, were weakened because of the absence of Mehmet Scholl, Jens Nowotny and Christian Worms in their squad but in the person of Ballack, maybe, they have one of the best players of the forthcoming World Cup.

Pele considers France, Argentina, Italy and England to be the favourites of the World Cup.

England leave Dubai

AFP, Dubai

England's football squad left Dubai for Korea on Saturday after four days of relaxation in the sultry Gulf emirate with their families before World Cup preparations begin in earnest.

The squad included Kieron Dyer, who flew out earlier Saturday after spending the last week in Britain receiving treatment for a knee injury sustained in a tackle during Newcastle's final Premiership match of the season.

West Ham player Trevor Sinclair will remain with Sven Goran Eriksson's 23-man squad on standby, according to the English Football Association (FA).



PHOTO: INTERNET

Italy striker Christian Vieri juggles with the ball during a practice session of the national team at the Sparta Stadium in Prague on May 17. Italy faced Czech Republic in a World Cup warm-up yesterday.

Claudio thanks coach



INTERNET, Glasgow

Rangers FC striker Claudio Caniggia last night insisted he will silence the protesters against his inclusion in Argentina's World Cup squad, the Daily Record reported.

Caniggia has recovered after a knee injury sustained in the Scottish Cup Final to join his international squad in Japan but his selection to the exclusion of Barcelona's Javier Saviola has sparked a storm of protest.

The 35-year-old veteran forward said: "It wasn't easy for Bielsa to call me into the national team. I am not young and I play in Scotland, where not many people from Argentina get the chance to see the standard of football.

"But Bielsa made a very brave gesture. I did not play in the qualifiers but I always dreamed of playing with the national team, I have never abandoned it.

"The national team is like the girlfriend you never forget. The girlfriend you always carry in your heart."

Caniggia, speaking in Argentina's top newspaper Clarin, added: "I know I am no longer 24 or 25 years old but I am not an old man. I can continue playing at a very high level and I have absolute trust in my power and my strength."

Caniggia's World Cup dream was almost ruined by the injury.

He said: "When it happened, I was scared to ask how serious it was because a ligament injury can be a slap in the face for a player of my age - it is like someone opening the door to your retirement.

"I had to play in the final because in Scotland the Rangers-Celtic game is everything. It is the life of the people and I could not defraud them by not playing just to save myself for the World Cup.

"I am dying to be on the pitch. I suffer looking at my partners training but I will be there very soon for the last part of the preparation."

Revenge on Sol's mind



INTERNET, London

Arsenal FC defender Sol Campbell has already proved one point by winning the Double with the Gunners.

Now he has a score to settle with Argentina. Campbell was robbed of a probable winning goal against Argentina four years ago, when Alan Shearer was debatably judged to have fouled the goalkeeper just before the center-back headed home Anderton's corner.

They had battled on with only 10 men after David Beckham's sending off. England eventually went out on penalties when David Batty's kick was saved, seeing England suffering a bitter defeat.

Now Campbell is desperately waiting for revenge when he meets Argentina in Sapporo on June 7, The Sun reported.

"I can't forget that moment," said Campbell.

"I thought I'd scored the winner. Hopefully when I score this time, if I do, it will be allowed.

"It's going to be good to play them again and obviously there are all the strong memories of last time.

"It was a massive game, a match that had everything. We had the chances to go 3-1 up and they

slipped away, then they scored on the stroke of half-time. After that there was the disallowed goal and all the other stuff.

"The game was on a knife-edge all the way and we ended up losing on penalties. Hopefully this time the scoreline will be in our favour.

"I suppose if I score, I know Alan Shearer won't be fouling their goalkeeper! But to be honest, if it had been the other way round, I reckon that referee on the night would have given it."

Commenting on the domestic success, Campbell added: "It has been a great season for me, tremendous - it couldn't have gone better.

"It was a tremendous week. After all we had done, the season came down to two games, which was quite funny. We all dug in, played some magnificent football and got our just rewards. The feeling at the end of it is that it's released a lot of pressure.

"There was pressure on me all season. I had some ups and downs and it was a bit of a roller-coaster but it was exciting on the way.

"It was a challenge but I love that sort of challenge. It was good for me.

"You shouldn't always have to justify why you've got to go here or there.

"Like any player, I want to win things and be involved in a successful team. I'm no different to any other footballer on this planet and that's why I did it."

Championship or nothing



REUTERS, Clairefontaine

Anything other than a second straight World Cup triumph will be a failure for France, according to their coach Roger Lemerre.

"Winning the World Cup is a dream," Lemerre said on Friday. "And without a dream you can't be competitive. Any other result than the final victory will be considered like a setback."

Following their World Cup success on home soil in 1998, France won the 2000 European championships and the 2001 Confederations Cup.

If they retain the crown, France will emulate Brazil and Italy, the only two countries to win back-to-back World Cups, the Italians in 1934 and

1938 and the south Americans in 1958 and 1962.

"I've set the goal to go as far as we can. But I know that each of the 31 other teams have exactly the same goal which is normal," Lemerre said.

"We are the ones who currently hold the trophy but in the very first second of (the opening) match against Senegal we will be back like any other sides. It (the trophy) won't belong to us any more."

The French coach has warned against impatience, saying his players must take one step at a time, but team captain Marcel Desailly is looking further ahead.

"Obviously being eliminated in the quarter-finals or even the semi-finals will be a great disappointment," Desailly said. "We are going for to defend our status. So it means we have to go to the very last match."

Although clearly among the tournament favourites, the France players are not taking anything for

granted.

"In a World Cup finals, everything can happen," midfielder Alain Boghossian said. "We can lose our first three matches and be back home before we can realise what's going on."

Most of the French squad believe Argentina and Italy will be their main rivals.

"We are among the top three favourites with Argentina and Italy," AS Roma defender Vincent Candela said. "The Italians can go very far as they have a more easy path to the final.

"It's going to be much harder for us as we can face Argentina as soon as the second which would be terrible."

Argentina, who were unbeaten in qualifying, are in group F along with England, Sweden and Nigeria, while France face Senegal, Uruguay and Denmark.

Germans worry McCarthy



AFP, Dublin

Republic of Ireland boss Mick McCarthy admitted Saturday that he was most wary about meeting the unpredictable Germans in their decisive second World Cup Group E clash next month.

Despite their apparent pre-World Cup dip in form in recent friendly defeats to Argentina and Wales, McCarthy is convinced Rudi Voller's side will be on top of their game once the tournament starts.

Ireland play the Germans in Ibaraki on June 5, the result of which is likely to determine who tops the four-team group.

Germany are the most unpredictable nation as it is hard to determine which team will show on the day - the one hammered 5-1 by England or the one which comfortably disposed of the Ukraine in a play-off.

"I watched the game against

Argentina and I had them watched in the game against Wales, who played very well according to the report," said McCarthy.

"I wonder about the commitment of the German side in a friendly for those games.

"I am not knocking the Wales team because it was a wonderful performance and a great result, but like myself and our defeat to Nigeria, I don't think Rudi Voller will have been too concerned.

"They've got good players. They were missing a few against Wales, so they've got good players to come back into the squad."

African Cup of Nations champions Cameroon will also be vying for top spot, while McCarthy is even refusing to rule out the challenge of expected whipping boys Saudi Arabia.

"But overall, I think the group is fairly even. It's a great group, one which is exciting and interesting.

"I don't think anyone can say, unless they are completely arrogant, they are the best team in the group and are going to wipe the floor with everybody else."

"I think each and everyone of us will take points off the other."

The 2-1 defeat to Nigeria at Lansdowne Road on Thursday night will have given McCarthy plenty to think about on the three-flight journey to Saipan where he and his 23-man squad are based for the next six days.

The holiday island is where the Republic are enjoying a sunshine break before stepping up preparations prior to their opening group game against Cameroon on June 1.

"I think we played exceptionally well against Nigeria and if anybody wants to dwell on the negative then so be it, but it's down in the records. That is one in the defeat column and it's not something that pleases me," added McCarthy.

"But at this moment in time I am looking for spirit, performance and fitness. The manner in which we played the game, all those things were very positive.

"But I will have to see while we are over there as to how everybody copes with the heat and the humidity in training and also the game against Hiroshima (on May 25)."



PHOTO: INTERNET

Turkey World Cuppers having a practice session in Hong Kong yesterday. Turkey will play against South Africa, Scotland and Hong Kong in the Hong Kong Reunification Cup from May 20 to 23.

Marcel can't wait



AFP, Clairefontaine

French captain Marcel Desailly said here on Friday he was itching to begin the defence of the World Cup.

Desailly played down the importance of France's match against Belgium on Saturday - their last before jetting to the Far East - and said he had fixed his sights on the World Cup curtain-raiser against Senegal in Seoul on May 31.

"Club loyalties have been put aside and now it's all go for the French team," Desailly said at France's training base south of Paris.

"I can't wait to get back into competition. Everything that goes before has to be done but sometimes it becomes wearing.

"We've been at Clairefontaine for four days already and it seems a long time.

"We've been shut up here for a good reason but once the competitive stuff starts the time flies."

The Chelsea defender said France's participation in the Confederations Cup in Asia last year had given them a head start over other nations.

"There will be things to get adapted to, such as the time difference and the climate, but the Confederations Cup gave us a head start over the others.

"Thanks to that we know what to expect from the climate and we've already played in the World Cup stadiums."

Dyer sweating



INTERNET, London

A decision on Kieron Dyer's World Cup fitness will be made early next week.

The Newcastle midfielder is hoping to have recovered from his knee injury to take his place in Sven-Goran Eriksson's final 23-man squad before Friday's selection deadline.

Dyer joined up with the rest of the squad this morning before flying on to Korea.

A training session is due to take place at 5pm on Sunday, but the

fitness tests aimed at deciding whether Dyer will be fit for the tournament are not scheduled to start until Monday.

England play their first friendly against Cameroon on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, David Beckham is making good progress in the latest stage in his recovery programme from a broken bone in his left foot.

The England captain trained on a mini-trampoline, bouncing repeatedly on his left foot to cushion the injury.

Eriksson is said to be pleased by the progress made by Beckham and Nicky Butt, while Sol Campbell, who is resting a gashed shin, was the only other player not to take part in Friday's training session.



PHOTO: INTERNET

A boy walks by a cartoon of Brazil superstar Ronaldo painted on a wall in Rio de Janeiro on May 17. In a show of patriotism, Brazilians everywhere have painted houses and streets with the green and yellow flags to support the national soccer team.

Round 3, Draw in Rajshahi

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- A. The Daily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea from May 31 to June 30.
- B. There will be SIX rounds of competition.
- C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per announcement.
- D. Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- E. For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in The Daily Star.
- F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners

Rules

- 1. Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002.
- 2. Employees of The Daily Star and Rangs Toshiba and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
- 3. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- 4. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- 5. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- 6. A person may send numerous entries for each round.
- 7. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
- 8. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- 9. Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 10. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 3."
- 11. Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- 12. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
- 13. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- 14. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star.
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Prize	Item	Model	Winner
1st	One 21" Toshiba Flat TV	CT 21D3XE	YOU
2nd	One 8.5 CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	GR R18BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Semi Auto Washing Machine	VH 7000B1	YOU
4th	One Toshiba Rice Cooker 1.8Ltr.	RC 186KE	YOU
5th	One Toshiba Dry Iron	TA-A20C	and YOU
6th	A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE UP FOR GRABS FOR THE LOCALS WHO ATTEND A QUIZ DRAW. SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN IN EVERY ROUND. SO, WATCH OUT FOR THE DRAW IN YOUR AREA.		


QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

- 1. Last team to qualify for 2002 World Cup finals Brazil ☐ Colombia ☐ Uruguay ☐
- 2. Who was the top scorer in the 1998 World Cup Owen ☐ Suker ☐ Zidane ☐
- 3. How many teams participated in the first World Cup 13 ☐ 16 ☐ 32 ☐
- 4. Germany won their first World Cup in 1954 ☐ 1960 ☐ 1970 ☐

- 5. Who is this?  Ronaldo ☐ Beckham ☐ Batistuta ☐

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms).....Age.....

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Address

Telephone (if any)Signature Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.

Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star

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