

The Figo question



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Portugal's midfield star Luis Figo may miss next Saturday's warm-up match against China.

The precautionary move could be taken to ensure that he is fully fit for the World Cup, according to team doctor Henrique Jones.

"Right now, we are doing everything possible for him to play against China," said Jones.

"But even if he is 100 percent, it is up to the coach what the benefit is in playing him in that game, as our goal is the World Cup," he added.

Figo, Fifa player of the year in 2001, has been struggling with an ankle injury.

The Real Madrid player was substituted after a lacklustre performance in the second half of last week's Champions League final against Bayer Leverkusen.



Portuguese superstar Luis Figo leads the way during a training session at the Macao Taipa Stadium yesterday. Amando Petit (background left), Sergio Conceicao and Joao Pinto join him.

Uruguay thank Morales



INTERNET, Singapore

Two goals from Richard Morales, one in each half, saved Uruguay from a near embarrassing result as they closed their World Cup preparations with a 2-1 win over football minnows Singapore Tuesday.

Morales opened the scoring midway through the first half, neatly finishing off a fine cross from Manchester United's Diego Forlan who had opened up Singapore's right flank.

He added his second goal with 15 minutes remaining when he was left unmarked near the far post from a corner kick.

Substitute Indra Sahdan Daud brought the tireless Singapore back into the game with a penalty five minutes later after he was brought down in front of the goal by Uruguay

Troussier at odds with media



AFP, Shizuoka, Japan

Japan coach Philippe Troussier's troubled relationship with the press suffered another blow Tuesday when he refused to take any questions on his World Cup squad selection.

The Frenchman had already been under fire from the local media for failing to return to Japan when the squad was announced on Friday.

More than 200 reporters, photographers and TV crew turned up here on Tuesday to hear Troussier explain why Yokohama Mariners midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura and Jubilo Iwata midfielder Hiroshi Nanami had been excluded from the 23-player final squad.

Visa procedure eased for Chinese fans



AFP, Seoul

South Korea has eased visa requirements for Chinese football fans travelling to the country to cheer on their team in its first World Cup, tournament organisers said Tuesday.

Chinese holding World Cup tickets bearing their names, and who have visited Korea before, can receive a visa simply by submitting a copy of their tickets, the Korean Organizing Committee for the World Cup said in a statement.

Ticket holders who have not visited South Korea before are required to present a financial document proving a bank deposit of more than 10,000 US dollars as well as a copy of their ticket.

Chinese fans invited by 15 official sponsors associated with football's governing body FIFA or six local suppliers can receive visas by handing in invitation letters, their

keeper Federico Elduayen.

The game closed out with Singapore going close three more times as Uruguay wilted in the high humidity.

It was a far from satisfying performance for the South American unit which repeatedly found holes in the Singaporean defence for most of the game but laboured when it came to finding the goal.

Forlan and Morales impressed throughout, creating several opportunities but the absence of several leading players showed in a mistake-riddled performance.

Ten of the 23-member squad - including headliners Alvaro Recoba, Paolo Montero, Dario Silva and Sebastian Abreu - opted to stay in Japan where the squad has been based since beating China 2-0 last week.

The goal scoring skills of Inter Milan's Recoba were sorely missed as Uruguay misfired more than a dozen times in the first half, and the shortage of substitutes told as they faded late in the game.

Riise's views



INTERNET, London

Liverpool FC midfielder John Arne Riise believes England can go all the way at the World Cup - providing they beat Sweden in their opening match.

The Norwegian player told his icons.com personal page: "My season with Liverpool may have ended, but officially my holidays won't begin until Thursday because of international commitments.

"Last week I joined up with the Norway team for the first of two friendlies. We played Japan in Oslo on Tuesday and we beat them 3-0. Now, on Wednesday, we have a game against Iceland in Bodo, which is in the north of Norway - and very cold!

"After that I am going to be relaxing totally for a couple of weeks before I start training again slowly. I have no intention at all of going two months without training. I will keep myself fit throughout the summer. I'm not going to say I will be training hard or flat out, but I will definitely keep my body ticking over so I can stay in good shape.

"I will, of course, also be watching the World Cup. Actually, it's possible I will be going into a TV studio in

Norway during the competition to do a bit of analysis. I have a feeling they want me for the England/Sweden game on June 2, so that should be good.

"I will be taking a close interest in England's matches. I am looking forward to seeing them play because I obviously know a few



JOHN ARNE RIISE

players in their team. I really hope they do well. Naturally, not having Steven Gerrard in the squad is a big blow because, as everyone knows, he is a world-class player. But I still believe England have got a good chance over in Japan and South Korea.

"Sven Goran Eriksson has picked a very good squad, and he is also a very good coach. I just hope

they don't pick up any more injuries along the way. I believe England's opening game against Sweden is very important.

"If they can get a good start in that match, then it will give them a lot of confidence. And there would be no reason to think they couldn't go the distance.

"My favourites, though, are France. They have lots of experience, which is vital in major competitions. They have won the last World Cup and the last European Championship, and so they know exactly what these tournaments are all about.

"Also, you only have to see the players they have to understand how strong they are. Their squad is unbelievable. But, of course, anything can happen in football and I'm sure the French are aware of that.

"Naturally, like any footballer, I would love to be taking part in this World Cup. But at least I have an opportunity to be fully rested over the summer period. I can remember feeling a bit tired around Christmas time because I was involved in a lot of games in quick succession, which is something I hadn't been used to.

"But by the end of the season I felt very, very good. I have been pleased with my fitness. I was actually more tired mentally than physically, but if you relax a lot and do the right kind of training you will be all right. In fact, even though this was a hard season, I felt I could have played on."

Emerson points at fitness



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Fitness and injuries could prove to be the decisive factor in the upcoming World Cup, Brazil's Emerson believes.

The Roma midfielder, expected to captain the Brazilians during their bid for a fifth world title, is bracing himself for a gruelling and exhausting tournament in the heat and humidity of Japan and South Korea.

"All football games are hard fought, but the teams with the best physical condition have a definite advantage," he told AFP on Tuesday.

Brazil received a boost on Tuesday when Barcelona's Rivaldo was declared ready to resume playing after more than a month out with a knee injury.

But Emerson said it was inevitable

that more players would be knocked out of the tournament in the opening matches.

"The first game might pose a problem for us, because usually tension is very high. It is only after the first match that we can really gauge the fitness level and performance of our players and see what can be done."

The Brazilian team are in Malaysia for a week of training before heading to Busan, South Korea on Sunday. On Saturday, they will play a friendly with a Malaysian selection.

The Brazilians play their first match against Turkey on June 3 with their other Group C opponents China and Costa Rica.

Emerson said this year's Brazilian squad showcased younger players compared to the last World Cup, but dismissed fears that the younger team lacks experience.

"The squad for this year is much younger than in 1998, but I don't think it will be a problem. Brazil has always been very experienced and

the players are well-trained," he said.

Emerson, who described Brazil's final defeat 1998 as "very disappointing", said he was looking forward to meeting up with France again.

"Of course, I don't like to lose, but in life, you cannot always win.

"I hope to get another chance (of winning the Cup) this time," he said, adding that he was prepared to play "any and all teams".

"I am not especially worried about France or any other team for that matter. We will treat all matches the same."

Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari told AFP that he was looking forward to meeting France on the pitch.

"It is very possible we will meet, the way the matches are scheduled. It's very hard to say how we will fare, anything can happen, but I am looking forward to it," he said.

The team are due to depart for Busan in South Korea on Sunday.

Sweden in, where is Cameroon



AFP, Tokyo

Cameroon's World Cup football team remain stranded in Paris, an official in the remote Japanese village serving as their training camp said Tuesday.

The Olympic and African champions, grouped with Germany, Saudi Arabia and Ireland, had been originally scheduled to arrive on Sunday in Nakatsue village, deep in the mountains on the southern island of Kyushu.

The official said villagers were told that Cameroon's chartered plane would leave Paris later Tuesday and would arrive in Japan on Wednesday via India.

"The latest we heard from them was that they will leave Paris on Tuesday Paris time," said a village

official coordinating logistics for the Cameroon training camp.

"But we cannot really say anything for sure until their plane actually takes off," he said.

The team visited Copenhagen on Friday to play against the Danish national team before heading to Paris the following day.

The squad was supposed to leave for Japan on the same day, but mechanical trouble with their chartered plane left them stranded in France, the Nakatsue official said.

"We really don't know what to do. We hope they will come soon," he said.

Nakatsue, whose 1,400 villagers rely on the lumber industry on the outskirts of a smouldering volcano, has spent some 100 million yen (dollars) to improve lodging and football facilities for camp training by Cameroon.

Because of the delay, Nakatsue villagers had to cancel several events, including a welcome cere-

mony and a practice match with local high school students.

Cameroon were still willing to play a training match against regional J-League side Sagan Tosu on Friday, Jiji Press agency said quoting a member of the team. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday night.

Cameroon are to play England in a friendly in Kobe on Sunday.

The Sweden squad meanwhile arrived safely at their training camp in Miyazaki, also on Kyushu, south of World Cup match venue Oita.

"We held a welcome reception at Miyazaki airport during which we presented flowers and 1,000 folded paper cranes," said Keiji Tashiro, an official of the city's promotion office for the training camp.

In Japan, a chain of paper cranes, called "senbazuru," is believed to make wishes come true.

Sweden will play a friendly against Japan on Saturday in Tokyo.

Round 3, Draw in Rajshahi

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- The **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.
- There will be **SIX** rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.
- Participants of all the **SIX** rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in **The Daily Star**.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in **The Daily Star**.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from **The Daily Star** office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

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5th	One Toshiba Dry Iron	TA-A20C	and YOU
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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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- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in **The Daily Star Rangs Toshiba** World Cup Quiz 2002.
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- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries for each round. 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.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- 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.
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A PATRIOT: Paulo Mauricio da Silva cleans his 'Brazil car' decorated with cartoon figures of Brazilian national coach Luis Felipe Scolari behind the wheel, striker Roaldinho Gaucho (C) and ace marksman Ronaldo in Rio on May 20. In a show of patriotism, Brazilians have painted houses, streets in the famous green and gold colours to support the national team ahead of the greatest football fiesta.

The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 3 Ends May 23, 2002

Tick (✓) the correct answers

- Last team to qualify for 2002 World Cup finals Brazil Colombia Uruguay
- Who was the top scorer in the 1998 World Cup Owen Suker Zidane
- How many teams participated in the first World Cup 13 16 32
- Germany won their first World Cup in 1954 1960 1970
- Who is this?  Ronaldo Beckham Batistuta

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