



PHOTO: AFP

Brazil's Ronaldinho (L) waits for the ball to come to him during a practice session in Ulsan yesterday. Roberto Carlos appears to have some plan to take that away.

## Scolari's samba!

REUTERS, Ulsan

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, who has fielded ultra-defensive sides since taking over one year ago, appears set to make an amazing U-turn on the eve of the World Cup and put his team on the attack. Scolari, the man who last year claimed that playing attractive football belonged to the past, is contemplating sending Brazil into Monday's game against Turkey with one of their most adventurous line-ups in a World Cup match since 1986. The introduction of attacking midfielder Juninho in place of the more defensive Kleberson, who started Saturday's friendly against Malaysia, has given Brazil a much more positive look. The prospect has both pleased and stunned Brazilian commenta-

tors, who have been left wondering whether hours of listening to the Bee Gees -- Scolari's favourite pastime at the team hotel -- has gone to his head. The man known as Big Phil, after all, firmly believes that a good team starts at the back. He has publicly encouraged his players to foul the opposition, once chastised his team for not doing enough time-wasting and has even told the likes of Rivaldo and Ronaldo that they should do their fair share of marking and tackling. He claims that the exuberant football played by Brazil in the past has no place in modern game and says that all that matters is to win. He once said: "If we have to play ugly football to win, we will." In line with this, Scolari has consistently fielded two marking

specialists in midfield as well as three defenders and two full-backs. He has stubbornly refused to change despite criticism that the formation is far too defensive. This week, he has suddenly switched to a much more ambitious formation in Brazil's training sessions and says he plans to use it against the Turks. Apparently betraying his own principles, Scolari has sacrificed one of his marking specialists in midfield and replaced him with Juninho. With the creative skills of Ronaldinho in midfield and the Ronaldo and Rivaldo in attack, Cafu and Roberto Carlos attacking down the flanks and Lucio breaking out of defence, Scolari has instantly turned his dour, defensive outfit into

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## Beckham's peace message

AFP, Tsuna

England captain David Beckham says he harbours no grudge against Diego Simeone, the Argentinian player he famously crossed swords with in France 98. Beckham was sent off for kicking Simeone after he had been felled by a clattering challenge from the Lazio midfielder. Argentina went on to win the match and Beckham returned home to find he had been made the scapegoat for England's second round exit. That experience would have broken many players but Beckham has bounced back and gone on to become one of the world's best midfield players, as well as an icon for millions of fans around the world. Controversy over the events of four years ago flared up again in the run-up to this World Cup when Simeone admitted in an interview that he had deliberately tried to get Beckham sent off and said he would do the same again.

But Beckham insisted that he bore no ill will towards his erstwhile nemesis, with whom he exchanged shirts after a Champions League clash between Manchester United and Simeone's former club Inter Milan in 1999. "It was four years ago," Beckham said Thursday. "It is in the past for me and a lot has happened since then. It has made me a stronger person. "I've come up against Diego Simeone a couple of times (since France 98) and it's never been a problem and there won't be a problem when we play them here." England face Argentina in Sapporo on June 7 in their second group F match and Beckham said he was looking forward to meeting up with his club teammate Juan Sebastian Veron. "(Argentina) have got a lot of good players and Seba Veron will be out there and we'll have a bit of fun before the game and hopefully after the match as well."

## Superstars for children

AFP, Seoul

Scores of World Cup stars including skippers David Beckham of England, Luis Figo of Portugal and Juan Sebastian Veron of Argentina have filmed a series of television spots to help raise money for under-privileged children around the world. The 30 second spots will be shown on television stations worldwide during the 2002 World Cup. The first one stars China's Fan Zhiyi. "Football is the perfect medium," said former James Bond actor, Roger Moore here on Thursday. But as the world of football prepares to celebrate the sport's showcase tournament which starts on Friday when France play Senegal, Moore gave some chilling figures to underline how important the joint FIFA-UNICEF programmes to raise money is. "During the 30 days of the World Cup, one million children will die unnecessarily from disease, famine or war," said the

actor. "During the 90 minutes of a game, 540 children will contract HIV AIDS, 85 will die unnecessarily, 400 will lose their parents. When you add up all those games that make up the World Cup - what a terrible toll." Moore, who has been an UNICEF ambassador for the past 12 years, was helping launch details of a special online auction of World Cup memorabilia. The auction is being held on the FIFAWorldCup.com site throughout the World Cup and everything from signed team shirts to a ball signed by Pele are for sale. FIFA vice-president Chung-Mong Joon, who helped Moore launch the World Cup auction said he was stunned by the figures of how many children would die during the World Cup. "It is terrible. We must all do something," said Chung. "This is the first time the World Cup has been dedicated to children. FIFA is determined to become a powerful humanitarian force," he added.

## Recoba ready

AFP, Ulsan

Uruguay's hardmen are to go for broke against Denmark as they kick off their World Cup campaign in Group A on Saturday. The Latin Americans believe they can cause a stir and make a real bid for a third triumph after 1930 and 1950 - but to do that they will need all hands on deck. That means risking 26-year-old playmaker Alvaro Recoba of Inter Milan, who has been carrying a leg muscle injury suffered in training two days ago. Recoba insists he will be able to report fit for duty. "I felt pain in my knee during yesterday's training session so I skipped today's (Wednesday's) session. I think I will be okay," he said. The Uruguayans, who beat Australia in a playoff to get to the finals after placing fifth in their regional qualifiers, still have a major doubt over midfield star Fabian O'Neill, however. On Wednesday, officials all but ruled out the 28-year-old from Italy's Peggua with an Achilles tendon injury suffered in training. Gianni Guigou, who unlike O'Neill featured regularly in the long qualifying campaign, is set to start alongside Pablo Garcia in deep midfield. Coach Victor Pua says his men are under orders to put the

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DON'T WORRY, I'M COMING: Inspirational Uruguay mid-fielder Alvaro Recoba watches his teammates practise at their base in Mokcheon yesterday. Due to a light knee injury he could not take in part in the training.

## The Cup menu!

AFP, Tokyo

World Cup fans who want their potato chips (crisps), hot dogs, hamburgers and beer will not be disappointed by concession sales at Japan's 10 match venues but those who want to go local can try a variety of more exotic fare including octopus balls, squid-on-a-stick and seaweed. Here is a brief list of the typical Japanese snacks and fast foods you can expect to see inside and outside the stadiums around Japan (take-ins are allowed, except for alcohol): **INSIDE STADIUMS** "Bento" or boxed lunch - 800 yen (6.40 dollars) These come in "Western" or "Japanese" styles, but both come with white rice and are to be eaten with chopsticks. Although bentos will differ from stadium to stadium, at Osaka's Nagai Stadium, the Japanese-style bento will come with cooked salmon, shrimp and green pepper tempura, roasted chicken,

fried tofu balls, a Chinese dumpling and a cooked egg roll. The Western style bento comes includes a mini-hamburger, breaded chicken cutlets, fried chicken, sausages, potato salad and fried shrimp. "Yakisoba" fried noodles - 450 yen These soft soy-based sauce-flavored noodles are generally topped with some seaweed seasoning, sometimes mayonnaise, and some tissue-thin bonito (tuna fish) flakes that appear to dance. Like soup noodles without the soup. "Onigiri" rice patties - 150 yen Your choice of salmon or chewy kelp (seaweed) stuffing, both come wrapped in "nori" seaweed paper ("nori"). A cheap belly-filler. A wider and cheaper range including "sea-chicken" (tuna mayonnaise) and "ume boshi" bitter pickled plums, and "mentaiko" (spicy cod roe) fillings can also be found at convenience stores. **OUTSIDE STADIUMS** "Takoyaki" octopus balls - about 400 yen

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DIVIDED LOYALTY? A Japanese woman and her daughter cheer the Italian team on during a practice game against Vegalta, a Japanese side, yesterday. It was Italy's first practice game since they arrived in Japan five days back.

## Round 4, Draw in Sylhet

(See May 28 issue of The Daily Star for competition information, prizes and rules)

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Tick (  ) the correct answers

- Bangladesh first played in qualifiers for the World Cup of 1982  1986  1990
- Pele's debut World Cup was in 1954  1958  1970
- France won 1998 World Cup under the captaincy of Deschamps  Zidane  Desailly
- Which player scored most goals in a World Cup Pele  Fontaine  Maradona
- Who is this?  Figo  Beckham  Batistuta

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