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SPORTS

Brazil not a team says midfielder Alex

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 June—Brazil, who were knocked out of the Confederations Cup in the first round this week, were not a team but a group of players who were thrown together at the last minute, midfielder Alex said on Wednesday.

"To form a team, you need a certain amount of time, time which we didn't have," the Cruzeiro player told reporters as the squad arrived at Sao Paulo Airport.

"We didn't have a team, We had some players who got together the week before in Nigeria."

Due to club commitments the five-time world champions were forced to send a makeshift squad to the tournament, which clashed with the South American Libertadores Cup, the Brazilian championship and the last rounds of the Spanish championship.

The squad, which travelled to Nigeria for a friendly beforehand, included 11 previously uncapped players.

Brazil lost 1-0 to Cameroon, beat the United States 1-0 and drew 2-2 to Turkey, who qualified at Brazil's expense on goals scored.—MNA/Reuters

Brazilian coach Luxemburgo suspended one month for protest

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 June—Former Brazil coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo, now in charge of the country's First Division side Cruzeiro, has been given a 30-day ban for improper conduct, the club said on Wednesday.

According to the club's official web site, the controversial coach was banned after he ran onto the pitch and tried to protest to the referee following an incident at the end of the first leg of the Copa Brasil final against Flamengo earlier this month.

"You've harmed my team as you always do," yelled Luxemburgo, angry at bookings which resulted in the team's key defenders Edu Dracena and Thiago being suspended for the return match.

Cruzeiro, leaders of the Brazilian championship, won the two-leg tie 4-2 on aggregate to win the Copa Brasil for the fourth time. Luxemburgo coached Brazil for two years, from 1998 to 2000.—MNA/Xinhua



French soccer players celebrate their first goal during the semi-final of the Confederations Cup soccer match France against Turkey, at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, on 26 June, 2003. They hold up their fingers in the sky to pay respect to Cameroon's player Marc-Vivien Foe. Cameroon midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe collapsed on the pitch during the Confederations Cup semifinal against Colombia in Lyon, central France, on Thursday and died afterward, FIFA announced.—INTERNET

Mendieta to return to Lazio after loan spell at Barca

MADRID, 27 June — Spanish international Gaizka Mendieta will return to Lazio after Barcelona decided against using their option to buy the midfielder, following his season-long loan at the Catalan club.

"We have decided that he will not remain with the club," newly-appointed sporting director Txiki Begiristain told Barcelona's web site on Thursday.

"The decision was based on technical reasons, as well as on the economic burden that signing him would have involved." It has been widely reported that Barcelona would have had to pay 24 million euros (27.44 million US dollars) if they had wanted to buy the player from Lazio.

But the terms of the loan deal mean they will still have to pay the Italian club compensation of four million euros (4.57 million US dollars) for not exercising their option to purchase the 29-year-old midfielder.

Mendieta moved to Lazio from Valencia two seasons ago for 41 million US dollars, setting a new record transfer fee for a Spanish player in the process.

However he failed to find the form that made him one of the most respected playmakers in Europe, and spent most of the time on the sidelines at his new club.

He joined Barcelona on a loan deal at the beginning of this season and, although he played in 33 league games, he failed to impress enough to merit a permanent move.

MNA/Reuters

Hagi to coach Turkey's Bursaspor

BUCHAREST, 27 June — Gheorghe Hagi, Romania's greatest ever footballer, is poised to end an 18-month absence from the game by signing a two-year contract to coach Turkish club Bursaspor.

Hagi, out of soccer since coaching the Romanian national side in 2001, hung up his boots in 2000 after spells with Steaua Bucharest, Real Madrid, Brescia, Barcelona and Galatasaray.

"It's time to return to active soccer," Hagi told Reuters in an interview on Thursday. "In a way, I'm going back home to Turkey. I played there for five years."

"I know very well the Turkish soccer, which is making great progress. The people love me, I'll be happy again there." New Bursaspor president Fikret Ustenci pledged to hire Hagi, who captained Galatasaray to four Turkish titles and the UEFA Cup between 1996 and 2000, when he took control of the club on Wednesday.

Hagi spent his year away from soccer acting in commercials and running a hotel on the Black Sea coast.

MNA/Reuters

Cameroon celebrations cut short by Foe death

LYON (France), 27 June — Ten-man Cameroon booked their place in the Confederations Cup final on Thursday with a 1-0 victory over Colombia, but celebrations were overshadowed by the death of their midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe. Foe collapsed in the centre circle at the Stade Gerland about 15 minutes from time, and was carried off on a stretcher with a breathing tube in his mouth. He died around half an hour later.

It was not clear what had happened to Foe but a FIFA spokesman announced later that his heart stopped after he was taken from the pitch. Medical staff tried for 45 minutes to restart his heart, without success.

Cameroon, who will face either holders France or Turkey — playing in Paris later on Thursday — to get through.

Though they looked well in control for 70 minutes, winning all the 50-50 tackles and usually overpowering Colombia's attacking manoeuvres, their deserved lead could so easily have evaporated in the closing minutes.

MNA/Reuters



Peruvian goalie Erick Delgado can't stop a shot on goal by Venezuela's Juan Garcia in the first half, during a FIFA soccer friendly match at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, on 26 June, 2003. The goal was disallowed.—INTERNET

Amateur leads the way on Tour debut

ST QUENTIN (France), 27 June — French amateur Eric Chaudouet shared the first round lead on his French Open debut on Thursday, becoming the second amateur to lead on the European Tour this season.

Chaudouet, Britain's Philip Golding and Belgian Nicolas Collaerts all shot a six-under-par 66 for a one-stroke lead. Collaerts ran in six successive birdies on the front nine, only two off the European Tour record.

The last amateur to lead in a European Tour event was 17-year-old Spaniard Pablo Martin, who shared top place going into the final round of the Canaries Spanish Open in late April before fading to finish 23rd. Chaudouet is only the fifth to lead since 1981.

Chaudouet, who won last year's French Amateur Championship at this week's hosting Le National club, was delighted to have been given his wild-card chance.

Golding, whose total of 16 visits to the European Tour qualifying school is a record, has turned his career around after nearly retiring at the end of last season.

MNA/Reuters

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ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်းများ၊ စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်ရေးပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရန် တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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Serena subdues fighter Callens

LONDON, 27 June—A determined Serena Williams moved a step closer to retaining her Wimbledon title, subduing Belgian Els Callens 6-4, 6-4 in Thursday's second round.

The top seed must have hoped this particular Belgian would cause her less trouble than Callens' compatriots Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin-Hardenne, seeded two and three here.

Williams was beaten by eventual champion Henin in the semifinals of the French Open earlier this month, while Clijsters stretched the world number one to the limit at the same stage of the Australian Open in January.

Looking to avenge her defeat to Williams in the third round here last year, the 32-year-old Callens did not go down without a fight.

The Belgian, making her seventh appearance at Wimbledon, did well to hold her own until the fifth game of the first set.

But after going a break down, she was unable to find an answer to the champion's forceful service game.

Despite coming out positively in the second set, leading 40-15 at one point in the first game, she was swiftly broken by Williams, who looked to have the match wrapped up after surging into a 4-0 lead.

MNA/Reuters



Yugoslavia's Jelena Dokic returns to Switzerland's Emmanuelle Gagliardi, during their Women's Singles, second round match on the fourth day of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon on 26 June, 2003. Dokic won the match 6-1, 6-3.

INTERNET

Agassi sets up El Aynaoui showdown

LONDON, 27 June — World number one Andre Agassi overcame a tenacious Lars Burgsmueller 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 on Thursday to set up an intriguing third-round Wimbledon showdown with Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui.

Firmly burying the memories of his shock three-set defeat by Paradorn Srichaphan at the same stage exactly a year ago, Agassi overcame a hiccup in the second set to tame his 88th-ranked opponent.

The only former champion left in the field following the demise of holder Lleyton Hewitt in the first round, Agassi will now be hoping to protect his 4-0 record against the 27th seed.

On Thursday, Agassi got off to a flying start on a sun-drenched court one and broke the German in the first game to surge to a 2-0 lead.

With Burgsmueller struggling to find his rhythm and achieving only 38 per cent success on his serve in the first set, a blistering forehand cross-court pass was enough to give Agassi a second break and the set after 34 minutes.

But it was a different story in the second. Taking the pace off his deliveries, Burgsmueller nearly doubled his success-rate on his service and snatched a 2-0 lead thanks to netcord on break point.

Never one to give in easily, Agassi kept

looking for an opportunity to break back and was duly rewarded in the eighth game when Burgsmueller netted the ball.

Despite putting in a dogged performance, the German eventually ran out of steam in the tiebreak to lose it 7-4.

Moving in for the kill, Agassi stepped up the pace in the third and his scorching returns kissed the lines to leave Burgsmueller frustrated at the baseline.

Having grabbed a 2-0 lead, Agassi finished off his opponent with an emphatic smash on his second match point.

Blowing his obligatory kisses to all corners of the court, the oldest man to be ranked world number left the court to a standing ovation, and eyeing to match another record.

The last time only one former winner made it through to the second round of the men's draw was in 1986, when Boris Becker successfully went on to defend his crown.

Agassi will be aiming to repeat the feat 11 years on from his first and only triumph here.

MNA/Reuters

France overcome Turkey challenge to reach final

PARIS, 27 June — European champions France overcame their sadness and a strong challenge to tame Turkey 3-2 on Thursday and qualify for the Confederations Cup final.

Following their win, France will defend their title against the African champions in the final in Paris on Sunday. Even though they were without inspirational Zinedine Zidane, France produced their best performance since they were eliminated in the first round of the last year's World Cup.

However, if they ended the match with a collective smile, they certainly began it with tears in their eyes as a minute's silence was observed for Foe before the playing of the national anthems.

France went ahead with a close-range goal by striker Thierry Henry in the 11th minute and he then set up his Arsenal teammate Robert Pires for the second.

Turkey, however, reduced the deficit through midfielder Gokdeniz Karadeniz in the 41st minute.

Another Arsenal man, Sylvain Wiltord, hit back two minutes later to give the European champions a 3-1 advantage at the interval. Turkey, who eliminated world champions Brazil in the group stage, moved up a gear in the second half and striker Tuncay Sanli volleyed their second in the 48th minute.

Three minutes from time, they were given the perfect chance to equalize when Olivier Dacourt was ruled to have fouled Alpay Ozalan in the box, but Okan Yilmaz dragged his penalty wide. — MNA/Reuters

Swede Dorsin signs with Strasbourg

STOCKHOLM, 27 June — Defender Mikael Dorsin of Swedish First Division champions Djurgarden has signed a three year contract with French First Division club Racing Strasbourg, the Swedish club said on Wednesday.

"As Strasbourg's bid was acceptable, we can only wish 'Micke' good luck in his future career," Djurgarden chairman Bosse Lundquist said on the club's website.

No fee was disclosed for the 21-year-old Dorsin, who has three caps for Sweden. Strasbourg finished 13th in the French First Division last season. — MNA/Reuters

Henman steals centre stage

LONDON, 27 June—Hollywood actors provided the early action on Wimbledon's Centre Court on Thursday, but it was Tim Henman who stole the limelight at the Grand Slam.

Britain's sole hope for a home champion for the first time since 1936 rests on Henman's patched up shoulders and he shrugged off his sluggish tournament start to surge into the third round with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over Frenchman Michael Llodra.

The 10th seed was kept waiting for half-an-hour as two actors shot scenes for next year's British movie "Wimbledon" on the main show court, but still put in a confident performance.

It was a showing which kept alive hopes that he can pip actor Paul Bettany to lifting the men's singles crown first.

The shoulder surgery which has hampered Henman's preparations this year may yet prove to be a blessing in disguise.

While never a dark horse at his home Grand Slam, the weight of expectation seems to have been lightened somewhat by his patchy form coming into Wimbledon.

In the women's draw, two former Grand Slam champions showed form of old to advance. Eighth seed Jennifer Capriati thrashed Swiss Marie-Gaiane Mikaelian 6-2, 6-1 and, more impressively, unseeded Mary Pierce ousted 14th seed Eleni Daniilidou 6-4, 6-1.

The powerful former Australian and French Open champion, now ranked 86, brushed aside Daniilidou on a sun-bathed court two to set up a showdown with American Lisa Raymond.

The victory was 28-year-old Pierce's second impressive victory of the tournament. She whitewashed her first-round opponent 6-0, 6-0 and is on course for fourth round meeting with reigning French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Henin showed she was in great shape by overcoming a powerful challenge from Italy's Flavia Pennetta 7-6, 6-1.

If Henman is to stand a chance of rewriting British tennis history this year, he is likely to have to overcome sixth seed David Nalbandian in the fourth round.

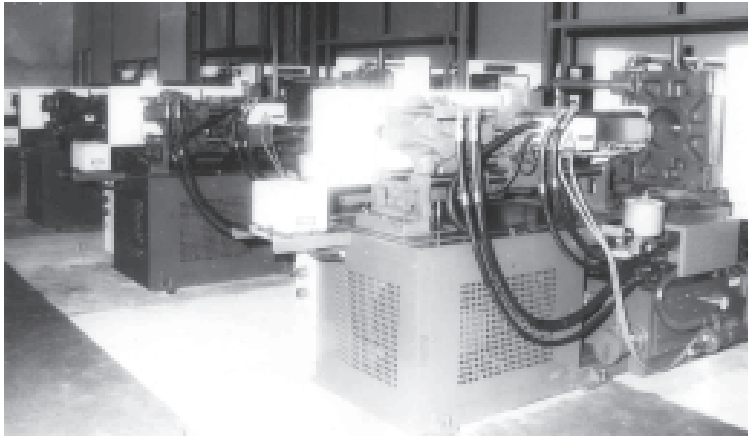
Nalbandian is an Argentine baseliner who has played Wimbledon just once before. However, despite his fondness for lurking at the back of the court, last year he reached the final on his debut.

The burly Argentine showed he is in fine form again in southwest London, pulverizing Brazil's Andre Sa 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 on court one.

MNA/Reuters



France's Nicolas Escude shouts in pain after falling in his match against Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero during their Men's Singles, second round match on the Centre Court, on the fourth day of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon on 26 June, 2003. Shortly after the incident Escude retired from the match.—INTERNET



Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt inspects Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory.— MNA



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YANGON, 27 June — Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt inspected Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory under Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Insein Township today.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Secretary-1 arrived at the factory at 5 pm. They were welcomed there by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

At the meeting hall of the factory, Minister for Indus-

try-1 U Aung Thaung and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Win reported on medicines manufactured by the factory, and research being carried out for production of traditional medicines for six common diseases in Myanmar, in accordance with the plans of the ministry. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of disposable syringe factory of MPF, installation of machines, and samples of syringes. The minister and officials conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the factory.

Then, the Secretary-1 gave instructions to the officials. — MNA

SARS prevention

- * **There is no outbreak of SARS in Myanmar.**
- * **Preventive measures are being taken against the spread of SARS from other countries.**
- * **The people are urged to participate in the project.**

Fingerlings released to paddy fields in Bago Division



Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein release fingerlings into paddy fields.— MNA

YANGON, 27 June — A ceremony to release fingerlings to paddy fields, as part of the paddy-plus-fish project, took place at the farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Bago Division this morning.

Bago Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Southern Command Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the ceremony and released the fish.

Also present were Commander of No 77 LID Brig-Gen Than Htay, departmental heads from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, district/township level departmental officials, and farmers. Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko spoke on the occasion. In his speech, he said it is the custom of Myanmar farmers to catch fish from the paddy field for food.

At the time of harvest, as there are a little amount of water in the paddy fields, catfish, snakehead, perch, and featherback hide in deep water and creeklets. Therefore, these fish can be caught not only for consumption but also for sale. Fish feed on crabs, molluscs, mosquito larvae, and pests in paddy fields. The presence of fish makes the soil soft, and their droppings improve the fertility of the soil, resulting in greater paddy output.

As fish can be bred based on agriculture, the development of rural areas will also improve, he said. He also urged officials to make harmonious efforts to raise the living standard of rural people by releasing fingerlings to paddy fields.

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Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein speaking at the ceremony to release fish for the paddy-plus-fish project. —MNA