

Gothia Cup with 800 matches a day

The Gothia Cup in Gothenburg turned into another splendid show for young footballers of the future. 25,000 participants hailing from 45 countries played on 40 different pitches with the final being held in the famous Ullevi Stadium in front of a crowd of 23,000 spectators. It was good news to find that 100 participants had been able to travel from Africa and 700 from Asia. On 19 July, no fewer than 800 matches were contested — a flabbergasting accomplishment and a tribute to the organisers. Bangla F.C. (Bangladesh) won the U-14 final against Pequeninos (Brazil) 6-0, while a selection from Tahuichi (Bolivia) once again walked off with the U-16 honours after beating Asane (Norway) 4-0.



- The match planned by FIFA in favour of UNICEF pitting the talents of the world champions, FR Germany, versus a world selection has been fixed for Tuesday, 8 October 1991. The actual venue in Germany has yet to be decided.
- In a move to improve working relations between the referee and linesmen, UEFA will appoint refereeing trios for junior and women's competitions as from the 1990/91 season.
- England's national squad was honoured with the award of another public prize in Castelfranco Veneto (Italy) for their immaculate sportsmanship during the World Cup in Italy. This fair play prize was presented to their World Cup manager, Bobby Robson.
- The national team of the GDR took leave of the international football stage by beating Belgium 2-0 in Brussels. The GDR had played 293 official international matches before it merged with the Football Association of FR Germany (DFB). The very last appearance of a GDR national side against FR Germany due to be held in Leipzig on 21 November will not count as an international but as a local friendly game.
- The American, Steve Trittschuh, who plays for Sparta Prague is the first foreigner for 52 years to score a goal during a Czechoslovakian championship. He contributed to the 3-3 scoreline between Sparta and Slavia Prague. Now that Paul Caligiuri has signed up for Hansa Rostock (GDR) and Tony Meola for Watford (England), that makes seven US international players who are playing in Europe as professionals.
- The women's national side of the USA won the final of the North American Cup in Blaine (Minnesota) by beating the defending European champions, FR Germany 3-0.
- The organisation of the 1992 CONCACAF Congress and the junior championships of this Confederation has been entrusted to the Canadian Association.

Suspensions

Now that a number of Associations have fulfilled their obligations to FIFA, the suspension recently imposed on them has been lifted. Vietnam SR, Kampuchea and the Philippines remain under suspension for financial reasons.

The Association of Zaire has informed us that Makola Seti Ngoy has been discharged.

Many Happy Returns

to the FIFA Honorary Member

Dr Juan Goñi

who will celebrate his 71st birthday on 29 October

BOOKS

World Cup Encyclopaedia. Polish sports journalist, Andrzej Gowarzewski, has been motivated by the World Cup in Italy to compile an encyclopaedia containing information on all previous editions of the world's major sports event. The result of his intensive research provides a wealth of information on the World Cup. Although written in Polish the statistics are so lucidly arranged as to be easily comprehensible to everyone.

Encyclopaedia Piłkarskich Mistrzostw Świata by Andrzej Gowarzewski, published by Leonard Szacher, Stresemann-Allee 65, 6000 Frankfurt/Main, FR Germany.

Another book about the World Cup by the Englishman, Andrew Godsell, that also makes interesting reading is a well-documented account of past competitions with additional comments on the most memorable features of each of them.

The World Cup by Andrew Godsell, Nimrod Press Ltd., 15 The Maltings, Turk Street, Alton GU34 1DL, England.

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