



Lievremont to keep faith with the French side despite defeat

France coach Marc Lievreumont has ruled out making wholesale changes for the second test against Australia next weekend despite his side's 34-13 loss to the Wallabies in Sydney Saturday. The French, missing a string of first choice players due to club commitments, face Australia in Brisbane next Saturday. Lievreumont said he did not anticipate many personnel changes following a second half capitulation, which saw the Wallabies score 24 unanswered points in a 15-minute period. "Unfortunately, there is only one week before the next test and less time for recuperation," Lievreumont said. "We showed that we need to play more together and there won't be too many changes." **BRISBANE - Reuters**



DUMMY: The volunteers are a huge help in National Coalition Building Institute's organizations (upper photo.) The photo on the left is a dummy representing a Dutch. Prejudices about the Dutch people, such as 'weed smokers' and 'wearing wooden shoes,' are written on the papers attached to the dummy. TDN photos, Özgür KORKMAZ

Football fighting racism both on and off the pitch



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BERN - Turkish Daily News

World football's governing body FIFA and UEFA step up efforts to keep the game clear off racism and racist acts. National Coalition Building Institute's Bern branch is just one of the many organizations supporting these efforts

The 2008 European Football Championship, or EURO 2008, ended with yesterday night's final between Germany and Spain. The champion was crowned as the king of European football, but the tournament was not just about sports.

EURO 2008 also featured an anti-discrimination program run by anti-racism group Football Against Racism in Europe, or FARE, supported by UEFA, the governing body of the European football.

The FARE program included advertising spot broadcasts at every EURO 2008 game, pitch-side boards, and activities to encourage intercultural exchanges between fans. One that activity was the peace camps, organized by the campaign's partner organization in Switzerland, the National Coalition Building Institute, or NCBI.

"Our main purpose here is to show people the real face of discrimination and prejudices," Andi Gue, a member of NCBI's Bern branch, told



PEACECAMP: National Coalition Building Institute's peacecamp in Bern.

the Turkish Daily News.

Football pitches have recently witnessed cases of racist behavior, especially against black players, the most famous being the one against Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o on Feb. 25.

Eto'o threatened to leave the pitch after being subjected to racial abuse by

home team supporters in the Spanish league game against Real Zaragoza. He was eventually persuaded to continue playing by then-coach Frank Rijkaard and several teammates.

Racist behavior by football supporters has its roots in prejudices, according to Gue. "Here we have dummies representing the teams playing games in Bern; Italy, Netherlands, Romania and France," he said. "We ask people what comes to their minds when we say, for example, Italian. And as you can see, what they tell us is mostly a prejudice against that nation."

On the dummy representing an Italian, one could read the words "macho," and "mafia," while a Romanian one had "thief."

"That's what happens if you judge a whole nation by only the bad examples," said Emine Sanaslan, another member of NCBI Bern. Sanaslan moved to Switzerland 27 years ago from Turkey and has been working for the organiza-

tion for six months. "Every nation consists of good people and bad people, it's not the nation that is bad, it is the individuals," she added.

Sanaslan said the Turkish community in Switzerland, just like the other immigrant groups, was the victim of prejudicial behaviors. "Some parties in Switzerland blame the immigrants for all the bad things in the country, which sometimes results as anger against the immigrants," she said.

Sanaslan is also an active member of the Green Alliance (Grünes Bündnis, GB) and holds a post in Bern's city council. She said one should be "active in politics to be heard."

"What we are trying to do here is promote the similarities between the nations to create a way of living together," she added. "And I am here to play my part in this effort."

The NCBI has plans of adding a partner in Turkey to its long list of member organizations. "We will have a workshop in Ankara in early November," said Sanaslan. "We want to expand our studies to Turkey, where I think they are needed, if everything goes as we plan."

NCBI: Fighting to eliminate racism

The NCBI is an international, non-profit, organization based in Washington. Since 1984, NCBI has worked to eliminate racism and all other forms of prejudice and discrimination throughout the world.

NCBI takes a proactive approach that begins with one or more people from a variety of organizational settings, including schools, colleges and universities, foundations, law enforcement agencies, government offices, and labor unions.

Over the past 20 years, NCBI has developed an international network of resource teams. NCBI currently is represented by over 100 teams in cities, on campuses, and in organizations.

For more information on the organization, you can visit www.ncbi.org

Skibbe happy despite the shorthanded squad

ISTANBUL
Turkish Daily News

It has been less than a week since Galatasaray's new coach Michael Skibbe launched training sessions with his team, but the German is quick to praise his players.

The former Bayer Leverkusen handler took the helm two weeks ago from caretaker coach Cevat Güler, who led the Istanbul side to the Turkcell Super League title last May, after 73-year-old Karl-Heinz Feldkamp left the team with six weeks left in the season.

Skibbe only had a few weeks to get used to his new team, but even missing training his key players, who are now on holiday recovering from a tiring EURO 2008 campaign, does not prevent Skibbe to voice his happiness.

"I am getting high performances from all my players, and I think that the training sessions are going really well," said the 43-year-old, whose squad does not include Turkish defenders Emre

Güngör, Servet Çetin, Emre Aşık, wing-backs Sabri Sarıoğlu and Hakan Balta and midfielder Ayhan Akman, as well as the wonder boy Arda Turan, who is among the highlight men of the tournament with two goals. Add Sweden's Tobias Linderoth to the bill, and it is clear that Skibbe is now training with only a shadow of the team that he will manage this season. However, he came up with his solutions.

"Of course I feel the lack of international players," the German said. "But I took eight players from the reserve team, and I can closely watch their contribution, which is pretty satisfactory."

Another player missing in action is Brazilian Lincoln, who was not back from the holidays at the right time and skipped the first week of the trainings.

"Brazilian players are somewhat tend to be late, unfortunately that is the same everywhere," said Skibbe. "I am sure that the board will take the required measures, and then I'll talk to



HAPPY: Skibbe (C) is still as happy as he was when he first signed the deal with Galatasaray.

him, and want to give the best he can."

Lincoln's late showing up may be a signal of his desire to return to Germany, as Bild am Sonntag reported yesterday. The German newspaper wrote that Wolfsburg's coach Felix Magath is chasing the Brazilian play-

maker, also quoting Michael Skibbe as saying that he may do well without Lincoln. However, the club released a statement yesterday, saying that Lincoln will be in Istanbul tomorrow.

Skibbe's main goal is to find a goalkeeper, actually. Turkish duo

Orkun Üşak and Aykut Erçetin partly served as the Lions' keeper last season, but despite the fact that Galatasaray finished the league with least number of goals conceded last year, German coach was somehow not impressed. Swedish keeper Anders Isaksson, who was tired to wait for a spot in Manchester City was one of Galatasaray's targets, but recently the Turkish and English press are reporting that Liverpool's backup goalkeeper Charles Itandje has signed a deal with the Turkish champion. Skibbe denied that the deal is done, but admitted that the Frenchman is one of the options.

"I don't confirm that deal, and it is not my job to talk about transfer issues, the board will do it. Itandje is only one of the players that we are interested in," said Skibbe. "Orkun and Aykut were highly successful last year, but in a club like Galatasaray, you need many players for the same spot."



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9:30 p.m. Ronaldinho's team vs. Messi's team, All-Star Game



KEVIN MCKENNA

FOOTBALL

«**INTERTOTO CUP**»

First round

- Elfsborg 0, HB Torshaven 0
- Elfsborg wins 4-1 on aggregate
- Rhyl 2, Bohemians 4
- Bohemians wins 9-3 on aggregate
- Trans Narva 0, Ekranas 3
- Ekranas wins 4-0 on aggregate
- Ethnikos Achnas 1, Besa 1
- Besa wins on away goals rule
- FC Tiraspol 0, FC Mika 0
- FC Tiraspol wins on away goals rule
- Lokomotiv Tbilisi 2, Etzella 2
- Etzella wins on away goals rule
- Nitra 3, Neftchi Baku 1
- Neftchi Baku wins on away goals rule
- Renova 2, Rijeka 0
- Renova wins 2-0 on aggregate
- Grbalj Radanovici 2, Celik 1
- Grbalj Radanovici wins on away goals rule
- Budapest Honved 4, Zhetisu 2
- Budapest Honved wins 6-3 on aggregate
- Gorica 0, Hibernians FC 0
- Gorica wins 3-0 on aggregate



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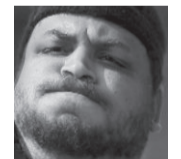
WNBA

- Detroit 59, Chicago 76
- Minnesota 65, San Antonio 73
- Indiana 61, Houston 75
- New York 78, Sacramento 82

MLB

«**INTERLEAGUE**»

- Toronto 9, Atlanta 5
- Chi White Sox 6, Chicago Cubs 5
- NY Yankees 3, NY Mets 2
- Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 0
- St. Louis 5, Kansas City 1
- Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 1
- Arizona 6, Florida 2
- Detroit 7, Colorado 6
- San Francisco 1, Oakland 0
- Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 3 (13 innings)
- Houston 11, Boston 10
- Baltimore 9, Washington 1



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ATHLETICS

«**US OLYMPIC TRIALS**»

Men's 100m Quarterfinals Heat 1

1. Tyson Gay 9.77 seconds
2. Jeffery Dumps 10.01
3. Walter Dix 10.02
4. Leroy Dixon 10.02

Heat 2

1. Travis Padgett 9.89
2. Rodney Martin 9.95
3. Mark Jelks 9.99
4. Chrisdon Hargrett 10.12

Men's Shot Put

1. Reese Hoffa 22.10
2. Christian Cantwell 21.71
3. Adam Nelson 20.89

Women's 100m

1. Muna Lee 10.85 seconds
2. Torri Edwards 10.90
3. Lauryn Williams 10.90

Women's Heptathlon

1. Hyleas Fountain 6667
2. Jacquelyn Johnson 6347
3. Diana Pickler 6257