

Football world mourns as plane crash kills Brazilian players

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Members of girls football team mourning for the Chapecoense footballers died in a plane crash, prior to leave for Manizap, at Agartala railway station on Wednesday.

COLOMBIA, NOV 30/- The football world mourned after plane carrying a Brazilian team crashed in the mountains in Colombia, killing 76 people but miraculously leaving six survivors, officials said. Football legends Pele and Maradona as well as current superstars Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo led tributes to the players of Chapecoense Real, a humble team whose march to glory was cut abruptly short. Having risen only recently from obscurity, the team was on its way to play in the finals of the Copa Sudamericana, South America's second-biggest club tournament, when disaster struck. "The pain is terrible. Just as we had made it, I will not say to the top, but to have national prominence, a tragedy like this happens," club vice-president Ivan Tozzo told Globo SporTV. "It is very difficult, a very great tragedy." Colombia's civil aviation authority initially said 75 people were killed, but it later emerged that four people on the passenger manifest had not in fact boarded the plane - a club official, a journalist, the mayor of the team's hometown and the city council president. "It's one of

those things in life. Only God knows why I ended up staying behind," the mayor, Luciano Bulgion, told Brazil's TV Globo. The six survivors are being treated in hospital, officials said. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos called it a "sad tragedy" and Brazil's President Michel Temer declared three days of mourning. The dead also included 20 Brazilian journalists travelling to cover the match. The charter plane, flown by Bolivian company LAMIA, departed from the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz and declared an emergency at around 10:00 pm Monday (0300 GMT Tuesday). It reported "electrical failures" and crashed soon after near the city of Medellin, its destination, officials said. Governor Luis Perez of Antioquia department, where the plane went down, said investigators had found its two black box recorders. He said a crew member had reported that "the lights on the aircraft suddenly went out." The British Aerospace 146 airliner was first sold as new in 1989 and was used by two other airlines before being acquired by LAMIA, a spokesman for the manufacturer told AFP. Specialist sites revealed

that the same plane was used two weeks ago to fly the Argentine national team with Messi on board to San Juan, Argentina for a World Cup qualifying match. Britain's Air Accidents Investigation Branch said it was sending investigators along with representatives of the plane's manufacturer BAE Systems to Colombia to help with investigations. Scores of rescuers picked through the wreckage of the white fuselage, plastered over a remote hillside in northwestern Colombia. The plane went down about 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Medellin, the country's second city, in a remote mountain area called Cerro Gordo. "We found ourselves faced with a disastrous scene. The plane was completely destroyed," fire service captain Elkin Gonzalez told AFP. Rescuers and aviation authorities said the survivors were three players, two crew members and a journalist. "I have just seen the plane and given the state it is in, it is a miracle that six people survived," said Perez, the regional governor. Authorities named the three players who survived as defenders Heli Neto and Alan Ruschel and goalkeeper Jackson Follmann. The

team's lead goalkeeper Marcos Danilo Padilha, 31, died on the way to hospital, the civil aviation authority said. His last-minute save in the semi-final had ensured the team made it through to the Copa Sudamericana final. The cup final first-leg had been scheduled for Wednesday against Atletico Nacional of Colombia. In an emotional gesture, Nacional called in a statement for the title to be handed to its Brazilian opponents "as a posthumous homage to the victims of the fatal accident that has put our sport in mourning." Regional football confederation CONMEBOL suspended the game. It had yet to announce how the title would be settled. A source close to CONMEBOL told AFP it was "very unlikely" that the final would ever be played. Chapecoense is seen as one of the minnows of Brazilian club football. It was founded in 1973 in the city of Chapeco in southern Santa Catarina state. After decades in the lower divisions, Chapecoense returned to Brazil's top flight Serie A in 2014 for the first time since 1979. "We have moved from a dream to a true nightmare," said Bulgion, the mayor.

Schools shut, shops shuttered as Brazil town mourns loss of Chapecoense players



A fan of Chapecoense soccer team and his son react at the Arena Conda stadium in Chapeco, Brazil — Reuters

CHAPECO, BRAZIL, NOV 30/- Businesses closed and schools cancelled classes in Chapeco as the small town in southern Brazil plunged into mourning on Tuesday over the loss of its soccer team, Chapecoense, in a plane crash in Colombia. Hundreds of fans decked out in the club's green and white gathered at its stadium starting in the morning. Large groups remained quietly in the stands until late in day, staring past their banners at the empty green field as the sun beat down. An improvised shrine outside the player's entrance to the stadium filled up with jerseys, flowers and candles. A poster celebrated, in a child's handwriting, the team's meteoric ascent into top-flight Brazilian football. "They never tired of climbing and now they're in heaven," it read. Chapecoense's improbable rise to competing for the Sudamericana Cup title had been an inspiration to the agricultural town of some 200,000 people in the remote interior of Santa Catarina state. The dream ended suddenly when the team's plane crashed late on Monday outside the Colombian city of Medellin, where Chapecoense had been due to face local

side Atletico Nacional in Wednesday's Cup final. Most of the team's players were among the 75 people killed in the crash, Colombian authorities said, as well as local journalists and team officials. "Our idea is to hold a collective wake here in our beloved stadium because everyone wants to give their support, to give an embrace," said Ivan Tozzo, the team's acting president. Team Chairman Gelson Dalla Costa said the club's doctors were travelling to Medellin on Tuesday to collect the bodies. The club's remaining players and relatives of the deceased are scheduled to travel early on Wednesday to São Paulo, where they will make the final identification of the bodies, Tozzo said. Three Chapecoense players were among the six people who survived the crash. Dalla Costa said defender Neto was undergoing cranial surgery and reserve goalkeeper Jackson Follmann had his leg amputated. Defender Alan Ruschel was reported in intensive care but in stable condition. Radio journalist Rafael Valmorbia appeared to be in stable condition. "As you know, in an accident of this scale you can get any kind of news in the first 40 hours," he added, regarding the health of the survivors.

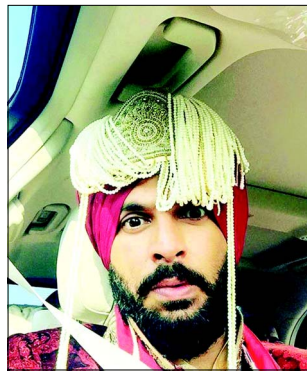
Jennings and Dawson added to England squad



NEW DELHI, NOV 30/- Durham opener Keaton Jennings and Hampshire Liam Dawson are to join the England squad for the remaining two matches of the Test series in India. Jennings, who is set to make his England Lions (A side) debut against the United Arab Emirates in Dubai tomorrow, replaces Lancashire's Haseeb Hameed, who is to return home after fracturing a finger in the third Test defeat in Mohali. Dawson, the Hampshire all-rounder, who was also selected for the Lions programme this winter before being released to play for Rangpur Riders in the BPL, has been called up to replace Surrey's Zafar Ansari, who is still struggling with the back injury he sustained in the second Test defeat in Visakhapatnam. Ansari will stay with the squad and continue to receive medical support in India before returning to England on December 8. Jennings, 24, made his Durham debut in 2012 and was the leading run-scorer in the 2015 Specsavers County Championship season with 1,546 at an average of 64. He has been on the Lions programme for the last month, initially at the Performance Centre in Loughborough and for the last two weeks in Dubai, based at the ICC Academy. He is due to join the England squad in Mumbai on December 5 when they begin preparations for the fourth Test which starts at the Wankhede Stadium three days later. Dawson, 26, made ODI and T20 debuts for England last summer after impressing on last winter's Lions programme in the UAE. He is also expected to arrive in Mumbai early next week.

Yuvraj Singh and Hazel Keech are now officially Mr. and Mrs. Singh!

CHANDIGARH - Yuvraj Singh and Hazel Keech finally got married in an intimate ceremony in Chandigarh on Tuesday. After months of speculation about their marriage date, the couple picked November 29 as the D. day because Yuvraj's mom wanted him to get hitched before his birthday. Hazel and Yuvraj have been dating for over two years now and got engaged in Bali last year. Yuvraj and Hazel were accompanied by their close friends and family when they took the marital vows.



Yuvraj Singh attired as bridegroom during his marriage with actor Hazel Keech in Fatehgarh Sahib on Wednesday

Kashmir's 7-year-old Hashim Mansoor wins gold at Asian Youth Karate Championship

NEW DELHI, NOV 30/- While the unrest in Kashmir Valley has been troublesome for most of the locals, it proved to be a blessing in disguise for 7-year-old Hashim Mansoor, who has become a karate kid. According to a report in The Times of India, Mansoor had to miss his school for months following the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani in an encounter. But during this period, he turned up at a local karate academy every day. His hard work finally paid off as he clinched a

gold medal for India at the Asian Youth Karate Championship (AYKC). A student in Class II at the Symbiosis School of Education, Hashim expressed his delight at winning the title for India. "I am thrilled to win gold for my country," he told the newspaper. The report said that Hashim had defeated competitors from Bhutan and Malaysia in the first two rounds. In the final round, he defeated his Sri Lankan opponent to bag gold. He will now represent the country in the World Karate Championship in Europe in September 2017.

Virat Kohli climbs to career-best third in test rankings

DURAI, NOV 30/- Virat Kohli has climbed a new high. The India captain, after the third Test win over England, moved up to a career-best third spot in the latest ICC rankings for batsmen. Starting the five-Test series against England in 15th position, Kohli has risen at a fast pace, scoring 405 runs in three Tests so far. India currently lead the series 2-0. The 28-year-old Kohli scored 62 and six not out in the recently concluded third Test to move to 833 points. Top-ranked in Twenty20 Internationals and second in One-Day Internationals, Kohli will look to improve his ranking further in the remaining two Test matches against England. Another Indian batsman to figure in top-10 was Cheteshwar Pujara, who occupies the eighth spot in the table, headed by Australia captain Steve Smith. England's Joe Root is at the second position, having 14 points more than Kohli. Meanwhile, India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin topped the charts in both the bowlers' and all-rounders' list. Ashwin has consolidated his position at the top in the Test all-rounders' rankings with 493 points, a tally not reached by anyone since retired South Africa player Jacques Kallis in 2008. Ashwin's spin partner Ravindra Jadeja is the other Indian to feature in the top-10 of both Test bowlers' and all-rounders' rankings. While he is holding the seventh position in the bowlers' list, Jadeja has gained two slots to reach a career-best fourth as an all-rounders after scoring a crucial 90 in his only innings in Mohali.

Guys never made me feel I am coming back after 8 yrs: Parthiv

NEW DELHI, NOV 30/- A blazing 67 after a polished 42 earned Parthiv Patel plaudits from his skipper Virat Kohli and the comeback man is thankful to the whole team for making him feel wanted in the Indian Test team's dressing room where he had stepped in after eight long years. "It was because of the kind of welcome and vibes I got in the dressing room, which was really important. Coming after eight years and wearing India whites, you are a bit nervous before the start of the Test match or while you are preparing for that moment to play for India. The guys welcomed me and it never felt like I was coming back to the dressing room after a huge gap," Parthiv told BCCI.TV on Wednesday. What was the icing on the cake was Parthiv hitting those winning runs. "It was a great moment for me. I have been a part of Test matches before but I had never ever hit the winning runs," said the pint sized Gujarat stumper. "As a batsman, it feels great to finish off the game. To get a winning run after making a comeback is a proud moment for me. Virat was at the other end and he said he was very happy to see me getting runs."



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