'People are mistaken in the way they talk about Uruguay'

There's much more to two-time world champions than playing rough, says their head coach Diego Forlan

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KOLKATA: As has been seen at Leeds United, Marseille and Chile, it is not easy to succeed Marcelo Bielsa. But that's not why, even as he spoke of 2030, Diego Forlan was not looking too far ahead. His contract after replacing Bielsa as Uruguay head coach is till March 2027.

Asked why he agreed, Forlan, who has 112 caps and 36 goals for Uruguay and won the Golden Ball in the 2010 World Cup, simply said: "Well, the offer was not permanent."

He still accepted because "it is a great opportunity." That he took charge after Uruguay were the highest ranked team to exit from the group stage of a 48-team World Cup mattered little, he said. Ranked 19th at the last World Cup, Uruguay are 20th in the world now.

Forlan is also in charge of the under-20 team which he will take to the South American qualifiers for the under-20 World Cup next January.

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To mark 100 years of the World Cup, Uruguay, where the first edition was held, will host one match in 2030.

Forlan, 47, is not looking beyond his next game, which will be against India on Tuesday, but he spoke on a wide range of subjects with a small group of journalists. From the Oscar Tabarez years, Uruguay's reputation for playing rough and his last visit to Kolkata which ended in a red card, nothing was off topic.

Uruguay are remembered as much for their physical brand of football as being twice Olympic champions (1924, 1928), World Cup winners in 1930 and 1950 and semi-finalists in 1954, 1970 and 2010.

Jose Batista's 56-second red card against Scotland in the 1986 finals, Luis Suarez biting opponents at club and country, Cavani's red card in the 2015 Copa America after being provoked by Chile's Gonzalo Jara and 26 fouls in the 2024 Copa quarter-final against Brazil may have reinforced that opinion.

"I think sometimes people are mistaken a little bit in the way they talk about the way Uruguay play," said Forlan. "It is not because of how tough we are. It is the way we play till the end of the game. It doesn't matter who we play but we will make it difficult for the opponents." Feisty, yes. Fighters, no. "We have great players, a great national team."

One which is in Kolkata after beating South Korea 4-1. Federico Valverde didn't travel because of injury but Rodrigo Bentancur, Lucas Torreira, Darwin Nunez, Rodrigo Zalazar and Ronald Araujo are in the city where Enzo Francescoli, one of Uruguay's greatest players, made his international debut 44 years ago. "I didn't know that. Unbelievable," said Forlan.

Forlan has little experience as manager. He was in charge of Penarol and then Atenas in the Uruguayan second division but the last of his jobs was in 2021. But he has been one of the best footballers his country of 3 million people has produced. One whose father was an international and his first coach.

The experience of being an elite player, he said, can be an advantage. "When you are a manager, of course, it is different but if you were an intelligent player, if you use common sense, in time you would know what to do.



Diego Forlan is in Kolkata with the Uruguay national team. AUF

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"It's not because I won the Golden Ball everything I say will be correct. So, I try to use a lot of common sense, (make sure the players) enjoy what they are doing. Of course, as a manager I will have a way of playing, a way of trying to do things."

Forlan played under Tabarez who has in charge of the national team for 15 years (2006-21) in his second stint. In five years since, Uruguay have appointed four coaches. The situation is like how it has been at Manchester United where Forlan played two seasons from 2002. "With every manager it is a different story but it is about results. In the beginning with Tabarez everything was not that good. He was so near to being sacked. But he stayed and he did what everybody knows in 2010 and 2011. We did a great World Cup. In 2011, we won the Copa America."

Fourth-place in the 2013 Confederations Cup, quarter-finals in 2018 World Cup finals and a 13-game unbeaten run in 2019 were the other highlights of Tabarez's time as head coach.

Forlan has pleasant memories of his time with Mumbai City FC in 2016. "We had a really nice group." About Kolkata, not so much. "I was sent off in the (first leg) of the semi-final here. I was disappointed because I think if I wasn't sent off, I think we should have won."

After coming back to lead 2-1, Mumbai City FC lost 2-3 and drew 0-0 at home. "Sunil (Chhetri), great player but could not score (in the return leg)."

Forlan will hope to take better memories of the Salt Lake stadium from this visit.

New bowlers struggle to pass pressure test

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CHANDIGARH: India won the ODI series against West Indies but Saturday's defeat in New Chandigarh was symptomatic of the weaknesses the team has a year before the World Cup: poor catching and a lack of wicket-taking bowlers.

This series offered an opportunity to test fresh options in the absence of several established bowlers. Instead, it exposed the vulnerability of an inexperienced attack, particularly in the Powerplay and at the death, raising concerns over India's ability to defend totals against quality opposition.

India were looking to sweep the series 3-0 at New Chandigarh. West Indies needed 44 runs from 24 balls with Mohammed Siraj yet to complete his quota of overs. However, India didn't turn to the seasoned pacer and could not prevent the visitors from achieving the chase.

A penalty for slow over rate also left India with only four fielders outside the 30-yard circle. Shai Hope and Gudakesh Motie took the attack to Gurnoor Brar and Anshul Kamboj, completing the chase with 10 balls to spare. The 44 runs came off just 14 deliveries, dismantling India's bowling plans as execution faltered.

With Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh and Axar Patel at the Asian Games, it was an ideal opportunity for Brar, Naman Dhir, Auqib Nabi and Kamboj to strengthen their cases. However, the returns were largely underwhelming, leaving the team management with more questions.

Brar struggled to make a mark at his home ground, conceding 64 runs in 9.1 overs. In the second ODI in Guwahati, he went for 96 runs. Against England at Lord's, he had conceded 97 runs in 10 wicketless overs. The recurring inability to contain runs or provide breakthroughs is a concern.

India head coach Gautam Gambhir had defended Brar after the Guwahati ODI win, stressing the importance of exposing young bowlers to challenging situations.



India players during a training session. PTI

"I know people will talk about his analysis. You can have him bowl in the middle overs, make him bowl defensively and get good stats. But the more he bowls in tough conditions, in tough situations, the better it is for Indian cricket," he said.

Gambhir urged patience with the bowling unit, pointing to the batting-friendly surfaces. "When you bowl on this kind of a wicket, it's not fair for the bowlers. We have got to give them something to work with. The first thing is that you need some sympathy and a bit of margin for the bowlers."

Nabi, making his international debut in the second ODI, conceded 84 runs in 8.5 overs and struggled to find rhythm. Kamboj, who came in after Prasidh Krishna was injured, gave away 82 runs in nine overs on debut. It highlighted the challenge of translating domestic success into immediate international impact.

Selecting players such as Dhir and Kamboj shows India's preference for batting depth. Kamboj's ability to bat at No. 8 is an asset, but the value of an allrounder diminishes if the bowlers can't deliver wickets under pressure.

Skipper Shubman Gill said injuries and scheduling had restricted India's ability to field their preferred attack. "But at the same time, it's something that is not in our hands. It's a good chance for the other players."

He was clear though about the areas that need improvement.

"Bowling in the powerplay and at the death is something that has hurt us. If you don't get off to a good start in the powerplay, we've seen that in the middle overs it's not easy to take wickets or create chances with only four fielders outside," Gill said. "I don't think there is that much time to experiment. The combination that we want to play (in the World Cup), hopefully we get all the players available from the next series."

The batting, with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Gill and KL Rahul looking in good touch, appears to be in a reassuring position. But runs alone will not guarantee World Cup success.

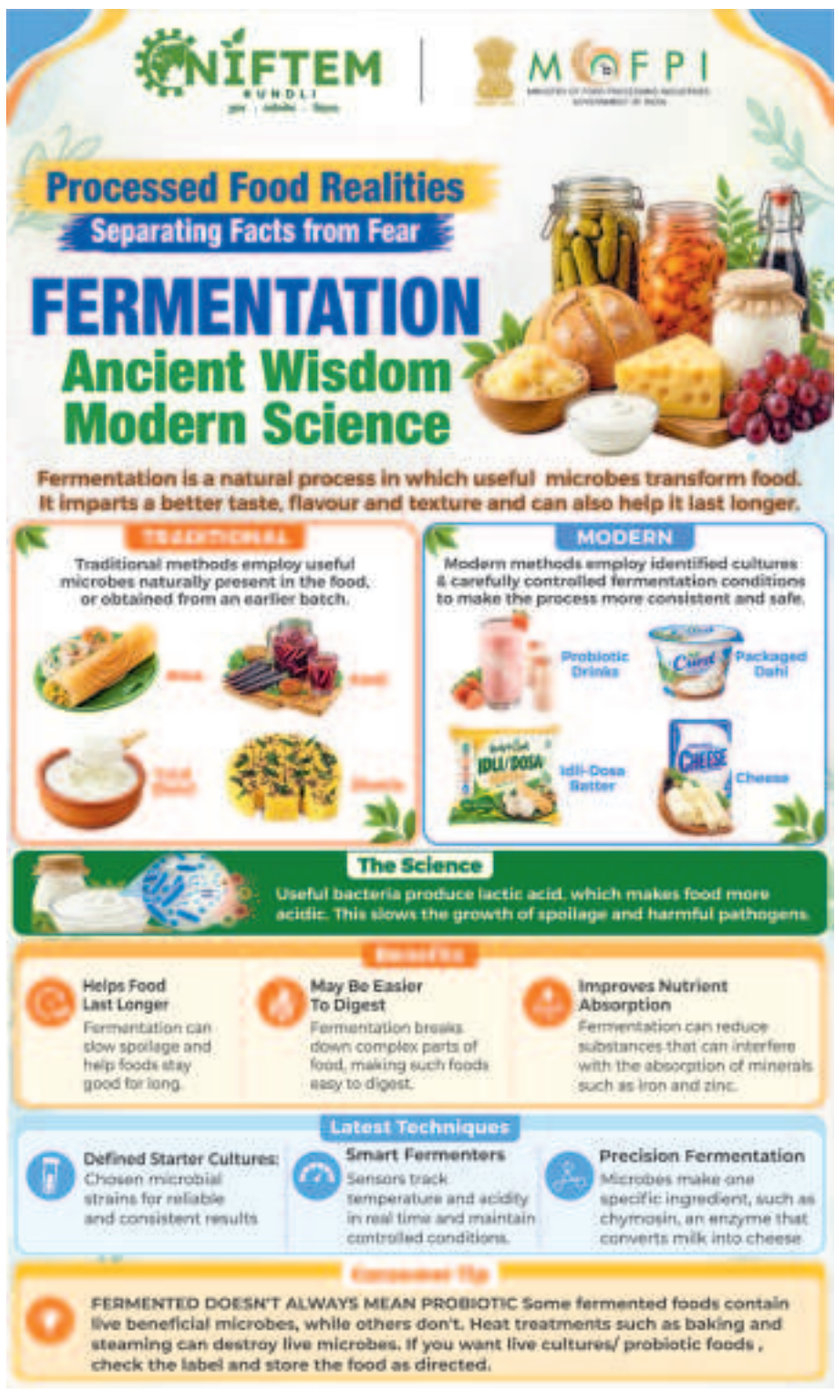
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