



Portuguese forward Nuno Gomes (C) heads the ball to score past Germany's veteran goalkeeper Oliver Kahn (R) during the World Cup third place play-off in Stuttgart on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

McLaren red cards WAGs

Football

AFP, London

New England manager Steve McLaren has banned WAGs, players' wives and girlfriends, from future tournaments, it was reported here on Sunday.

Rooney's girlfriend Colleen McLoughlin, Joe Cole's girlfriend Carly Zucker, Elen Rives, Frank Lampard's fiancée, and pop singer Cheryl Tweedy, Ashley Cole's partner.

Ronaldo wants to leave England

Football

AFP, Lisbon

Manchester United's Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo, a hate figure in England after his involvement in Wayne Rooney's sending-off at the World Cup, said Saturday he wants to leave the country.

pointed that Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson and other club officials had not stood up for him in recent days.

Pele's advice to Rooney

INTERNET, undated

Following Wayne Rooney's red card for stamping on Ricardo Carvalho during the quarterfinal against Portugal, Brazilian legend Pele has offered the young England striker some advice.

A new look Germany



AFP, Berlin

The biggest discovery of the World Cup has perhaps been the emotional, happy side of the host nation, but foreigners are wondering whether Germans have changed or just their perception of them.

ganza managed a feat no German leader has pulled off since the country was reunified in 1990. "It has given birth to a new, healthy patriotism and helped a demoralised people to dream again."

agreed. "We have seen a cheerful, good-natured country. But this is not a surprise for those who know Germany."

who have generally been quicker than most to ridicule the Germans and remind them of their World War II past.

Campbell to quit Arsenal

AFP, London

Arsenal defender Sol Campbell announced on Saturday he will leave the English Premiership club this summer.

England lacked hunger: Robson



INTERNET, undated

Sir Bobby Robson has claimed England lacked the hunger to win the World Cup.

didn't play it like we play in our league, for instance, with a good tempo and highly competitive and running forward and playing forward passes - clever passes - to front people.

agree with what Owen said, I think he got a bit irritated with the way it wasn't happening around him.

I applaud David for making this decision. He's had his time, he knows that. He's saved Steve McClaren a big decision that he might have had to make, but that's gone by now.

Eriksson turns down Jamaica

Football

AFP, London

Former England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson has knocked back separate offers to coach a Champions League team on the continent and the Jamaican national team, his agent Athole Still said Sunday.

agency, a company representing Jamaica, and I can tell you that in the course of that conversation the person concerned told me that Jamaica, the government there, had made a substantial amount of money available.

Premiership clubs, Still replied: "I haven't actually asked him that. "He will go to any club, or indeed national team, where he feels there is real ambition and the real possibility of doing something."

or anyone purporting to represent Manchester United during that particular scenario, and exactly the same thing during the scenario when he was photographed going into (Chelsea owner Roman) Abramovich's apartment."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptopquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

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