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McLaren red cards WAGs Football Rooney's girlfriend Colleen

McLoughlin, Joe Cole's girlfriend Carly Zucker, Elen Rives, Frank Lampard's fiancee, and pop singer Cheryl Tweedy, Ashley Cole's New England manager Steve partner. McLaren has banned WAGs, play-One source close to the Football ers' wives and girlfriends, from

Association told the Sunday future tournaments, it was reported Telegraph: "The WAGs provided a lot of entertainment with their McLaren, who took over from designer clothes, fake tans, hair Sven-Goran Eriksson after extensions and heavy drinking in England's World Cup quarter-final the bars.

"But Steve seems to think that it was all a bit over the top and could affect the way the team performs."

But, while Victoria, Colleen and the rest of the WAGs may have left Germany and its designer shops, at least three British WAGs have made it to the World Cup final itself.

When Italy play France later Sunday in the final in Berlin, Claire Henry, better known as the model Nicole Merry, the English wife of

pointed that Manchester United

The English press has run a

Rooney denied he stamped on

He also appeared to wink in the

With Rooney absent, England

direction of the Portugal bench after

Rooney was dismissed.

for him in recent days.

leave England

saying

red card.

Thierry Henry, will be on hand t cheer her man. Teammate Patrick Vieira's wife

Cheryl, is also English. And there is also a remaining

Scottish WAG. Monica Romano, born in

Glasgow, is married to Rino Gattuso, the tough-tackling Italian midfielder she met when he played for Rangers.

Monica's friends said she was not a typical footballer's wife. "She is a lovely, warm woman,'

one friend said. "She has beautiful homes but

there's nothing flash about her and she's not obsessed with shopping or the latest fashions. She's not a heavy drinker either. You'd never catch her dancing on the tables in a German nightclub." Monica describes herself as "a simple girl

from Glasgow".

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Ronaldo wants to PHOTO: AFF

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.

Pele's advice A new look Germany 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.

Pele learned a thing or two about provocation - not least while playing against Portugal during World Cup matches

And in the light of Rooney's frustration in Gelsenkirchen, Pele urged him to deal with the unwanted attentions of opposing players "with

patience" "I'd like to give Wayne a little bit of advice - every big player will be marked closely," he said.

"It will be the same with Wayne as it was with me, with Bobby Charlton, with Maradona - every opposing manager will tell his players to get tight, mark close, be

aggressive. "He must learn to expect it and to deal with it calmly. He must get the experience to say 'ok, I understand this, I know what to do'

"My advice is be calm and then you can beat the player on the football pitch, not by losing your temper.'

Campbell to quit Arsena

AFP. London

Arsenal defender Sol Campbell

FIFA WORLD CUP \odot GERMANY 2006

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. Former French international

Bixente Lizarazu summed up the surprise thus in the sports daily l'Equipe: "We knew that the event would we very well organised. "But the World Cup showed us

something we did not expect ... Germany's love for football and for sport, its pitch-perfect gamesmanship and supporters who never let the festive mood slip."

Some observers said it was a relief that the stubborn perception of Germans as a hard-working, punctual and humourless people has at last been given the boot.

Spain's liberal daily El Mundo remarked that the football extrava-

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. It added that Germans have for decades been taught "that pride could turn into a dangerous superi-

ority complex and lead to historic errors which you will have repent for the rest of your life." With the World Cup, the German

youth has "rejected this belief and rid the country of the ghosts of the Third Reich", it concluded. But Austrian political analyst

Anton Pelinka said he does not believe that Germans have changed much. What has changed are not the

Germans, who are far more 'normal' than many people would believe, what has changed is the way Germans are viewed by the rest of the world. "Even before the World Cup they

were not as uptight as the cliché would have it." he added. Svlvie Goulard, a lecturer at Paris' Institute for Political Studies,

"We have seen a cheerful, goodnatured country. But this is not a surprise for those who know Germany.

Roger Cohen, a former correspondent for the New York Times in Germany, told Stern magazine he too was convinced that "the Germans have not turned into another nation overnight".

He said he hoped the "liberating effect of the World Cup would not only change the world's view of Germany but also adjust the nation's self-image, unshackling it from the family tree and bringing it closer to the multi-ethnic reality."

Left-leaning French daily Le Monde was intrigued by what it termed a "wave of patriotism light" wondering what "is beneath it and will it last?

But Goulard said it was disingenuous to say Germany was rediscovering patriotism as the success of reunification has shown that the country knows how to act in its national interest.

Whether there is any real change or not, the World Cup has finally won Germany fans among the English,

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

The visiting British supporters and journalists were amazed at how well and wholesomely the Germans could party without it all ending in a "drunken brawl", the Independent newspaper said.

Poland's highbrow weekly Polityka thought that the spontaneous street partying which marked the World Cup "looked more like a Love Parade than nationalistic flagwaving.

want to be patriotic but they are scared of their nationalist sentiments," it added.

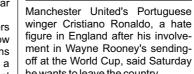
successful marketing campaign.

"They are denying their true

Another Polish weekly, Wprost, said what the world saw in the past four weeks was no more than a

nature and showing the world another face. The message from Berlin is: 'These days we are original and funny and creative." said the

publication, proving that not everybody's perception of Germany has changed



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"To be honest it is difficult to stay concerted campaign against in England after they way they have Ronaldo after some England playtreated me because I didn't hurt ers blamed him for encouraging the anyone," he told Portugal's SIC referee to send off Rooney, his television when asked if he was teammate at United, during the joining Spanish giants Real Madrid World Cup quarterfinal. next season as has been reported.

"They are making a big deal out the groin of Portuguese defender of nothing and I don't know why. It's Ricardo Carvalho, but Ronaldo difficult to live in a country where appeared to urge Argentinian refthey practically don't want me. In the eree Horacio Elizondo to brandish a coming two or three days I will reach a decision." he added

Ronaldo was speaking to the station after Portugal lost 3-1 to host nation Germany in the World Cup third-place playoff.

went on to lose in the penalty shoot-The player said he was disapout as Ronaldo scored the decisive



The England striker was banned manager Sir Alex Ferguson and for two international matches for his

spot kick

other club officials had not stood up sending-off. Ronaldo, 21, has protested his "They should have defended me innocence and claimed immediately and no one defended me. I can't after the England game that he and stay on under these conditions. I Rooney remained friends, saying don't want to stay at the club," the Lusa news agency quoted him as

they had exchanged text messages. The Portuguese striker was booed by sections of the crowd at ubsequent World Cup matches. Last November Ronaldo

extended his contract until 2010 with Manchester United, whom he joined from Lisbon-based Sporting for 12 million pounds (17.3 million euros or 22.1 million US dollars) in

Kenya street soccer champs

AFP, Berlin

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A team from Kenya on Saturday won the first World Cup street football title in the competition which has been played alongside the main World Cup.

The team from Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) beat the Kick Aids team from South Africa in a penalty shootout after the match had ended 2-2 in normal time.

The MYSA players are drawn from shanty towns.

AFP. Lisbon

AFP, London

here on Sunday.

distraction

Portugal

exit, has decided that the WAGs'

power shopping and late night

partying make them too much of a

profile stay at the team camp in

Baden-Baden didn't help the team's

performance in the World Cup

where they went out on penalties to

The WAGs included David

Beckham's wife Victoria, Wayne

He is convinced that their high-

he wants to leave the country.

"Germans have a problem, they

announced on Saturday he will leave the English Premiership club this summer

Campbell, 31, has been linked with a move away from Arsenal since he walked out on his team midway through a home defeat against West Ham in February this year, apparently suffering from depression.

The England star returned to action towards the end of the season and helped his side reach the Champions League final, where he scored in the 2-1 defeat against Spanish side Barcelona.

Sven Goran Eriksson included Campbell in his squad for England's World Cup campaign, but he only figured briefly during a Group B draw with Sweden.

The centre-back has attracted interest from Portsmouth and Turkish club Fenerbahce, but he admitted a move abroad may suit him best.

Campbell told Arsenal's website "After much consideration, I have taken the decision to leave Arsenal.

"I have spent five fantastic trophy-filled seasons at the club, with many truly memorable moments, including winning the Premiership title in 2004 by remaining unbeaten for the entire campaign

"So, it is with a sense of pride, achievement and the desire for a fresh challenge that I depart.

"Playing abroad is something that would really interest me but at the moment I am keeping all of my options open.

"I would like to thank Arsene Wenger for everything he has done for me; the world class players that I have been privileged to play alongside and accomplish so much: everyone behind the scenes, from the directors to the staff and lastly but by no means least, to the fans.

"I'd like to thank everyone associated with the club for the wonderful memories and wish the team the best of luck in the future.

Campbell has been at Highbury since his controversial Bosman free transfer move from north London rivals Tottenham in May 2001.

He helped Arsene Wenger's side to clinch the League and FA Cup double in 2002 and also played a key role in the Gunners' unbeaten Premiership title-winning campaign in 2004.

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INTERNET, undated

Sir Bobby Robson has claimed England lacked the hunger to win the World Cup. The former national boss, while

critical of manager Sven-Goran Eriksson's tactics, believes much of the blame for the team's disastrous quarter-final exit lies with players who under-performed.

Robson told BBC Radio 5 Live's Sportsweek programme: 'I think we needed a bit of hunger to want to win. Thatwas, in some cases, lacking. 'I saw Germany last night and they

weren't going to finish fourth, I tell you. They finished third - they would have liked to have finished first. 'I don't think some of our players

played to their maximum potential. We

for instance, with a good tempo and highly competitive and running forward and playing forward passes clever passes - to front people.

played with two strikers. 'We have a lot to learn, and let's hope the future is bright under Steve McClaren.

'We played with one striker some-

Robson also agreed with injured striker Michael Owen, who suggested Wayne Rooney's talent had been wasted by playing him as a lone frontman, and that had contributed to his sending-off against Portugal.

He said: 'I don't think Owen would be too far from the truth. When Rooney got into the team, he didn't play really in his best position. "I think he got frustrated, and I would

money available.

they are going for.'

finals

could win."

Capello.

times where we needed to play with 'I hope he gets it because if he two strikers. You have only got to look at Germany. They were almost the does, we have a really clever player on only team in the tournament, apart our hands. Robson applauded David from maybe Argentina, who actually

England lacked hunger: Robson

didn't play it like we play in our league, agree with what Owen said, I think he got a

aroundhim

Beckham for his decision to stand down as captain and save new manager McClaren a difficult decision, and forecast that naming a replacement would not prove too onerous a task.

He said: '(John) Terry's a great candidate; Gary Neville is a good competitor and a good character, a good tough lad. He speaks well for the team.

an old head on young shoulders, not

'(Steven) Gerrard eventually will be a very good captain as well, so I don't think it's a situation for us to be unduly worried. There are three there who can handle it very, very well.

bit irritated with the way it wasn't happening decision. He's had his time, he knows that. He's saved Steve McClaren a big 'He lacked support and he lost his decision that he might have had to head - he's a young boy, he hasn't got make, but that's gone by now.

Robson's former club Newcastle have been linked with a move for Beckham over the weekend, and while that looks unlikely, he insists the Real Madrid midfielder would be an asset to anvclub.

'I applaud David for making this

He said: 'He'd be a good signing for anyone. In my opinion, he's far from finished. He's 31 now, he's an intelligent boy, he's got great delivery, precision crossing and passing, and as long as he has a will to want to carry on for a couple of years .. 'I know he wants to try to get 100

caps, and I think Steve will give him that opportunity - but not as captain. 'He will have to play for his place,

and there won't be any side issues about it: play well and you are in the team, don't play so well and you might not be.

CRISTIANO RONALDO

The "streetfootballworld" tourna ment, held in the Berlin district of Kreuzberg, featured matches lasting 12 minutes with teams of five players, all aged between 16 and

Other teams included a lineup from the United States which represented the fight against drug abuse and a mixed team of Israelis and Palestinians

The tournament was created in memory of Colombian player Andres Escobar, who was murdered after scoring an own goal in the 1994 World Cup.

Many of the participants in the street football tournament were invited to attend World Cup matches

The tournament got off to a bad start when two teams, from Ghana and Nigeria, were denied visas by the German authorities.

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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. "It would be unfair of me to name which club, but we have already

turned down an extremely good offer from a Champions League club," the Swede's agent told the BBC's Sportweek program. "It was not in this country. I'm

afraid I cannot say (which club) because it would be embarrassing to the club concerned."

Since Eriksson's reign effectively ended with England's World Cup quarter-final loss to Portugal last weekend, press reports have suggested a Carribbean move could be on the cards, which Still confirmed.

"It appeared in the press before there was any contact to myself, but then there was contact to myself," Still said.

"I just have to say this: I had a very pleasant conversation with an

Premiership clubs, Still replied: "I Jamaica, and I can tell you that in naven't actually asked him that.

the course of that conversation the "He will go to any club, or indeed national team, where he feels there person concerned told me that is real ambition and the real possibil-Jamaica, the government there, had made a substantial amount of ity of doing something.

"He will work with any team where "He actually told me what their hit he feels there is real ambition.

"Naturally nowadays, you need a list was, and you would be very certain amount of money if you are surprised at the level of people that going to compete at the top level, so The agent went on to defend he would only go to a club which had a reasonable basis of players Eriksson over England's World Cup already there and a reasonable performance, saying no one was amount of money to strengthen the more disappointed than the Swede in their early exit after losing on squad so that he feels he could challenge for titles, because that's penalties to Portugal in the quarterwhat he's really interested in."

"Of course, he (Eriksson) failed. Eriksson's time in charge of he knows he failed," Still said. "He England repeatedly plunged him went to the World Cup believing into controversy as links with Manchester United and Chelsea genuinely, as did most of the team, and his infamous meeting with the that they could win, and they had "Fake Sheikh" spawned a succesevery reason to believe that they sion of tabloid headlines.

Speculation is mounting over However, Still insisted there had been no underhand dealing. Eriksson's plans and he was for a

"Everybody knows that I exclutime linked with the Real Madrid job, sively represent Sven in all his which went to Juventus's Fabio football dealings," he said.

"I - and this is the absolute truth -The agent said his client was at no time exchanged a single word open to offers but, asked if he would only consider one of the top English with anybody at Manchester United

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." Still also played down the "Fake

Sheikh" controversy, in which a News of the World reporter, posing as a businessman, met the England coach and coaxed him into commenting on his post-England future and making disparaging remarks on various England players.

this: we had an invitation for Sven to perhaps take over as a consultant to

asked him and he said: 'we could have a look at it.'

England coach, then we would need to know."

Still added: "We checked it out, my lawyer went to see the people twice. I cannot say any more than that.

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

"All that I will say, absolute fact, is

a sports academy in Dubai. Immediately that came in,

"I wrote to (Football Association director) Trevor Brooking to explain this and got a reply saying: 'no problem, he can go. Of course, if it were to impact on his position as