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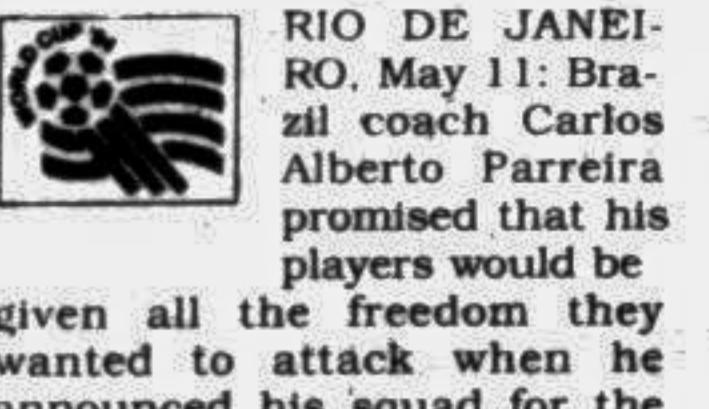
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Auxerre striker Gerald Baticle (L) tumbles after a cynical tackle by Nantes' defender Nouredin Naydet during the French Cup semifinal in Auxerre on Tuesday. Auxerre won 1-0.

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## Old guards, ploy for Brazil



RIO DE JANEIRO, May 11: Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira promised that his players would be given all the freedom they wanted to attack when he announced his squad for the World Cup finals on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

There were few surprises in the squad — announced three weeks ahead of the deadline set by FIFRA.

Parreira remained loyal to midfielder Rai, despite his miserable season in France with Paris St Germain.

Cruzeiro's gifted 17-year-old striker Ronaldo was included alongside long-established names such as Romario, Bebeto and Jorginho.

But there was no place for the brilliant but temperamental Edmundo. He has been involved in numerous disciplinary problems, including two rows with Palmeiras coach Vanderley Luxemburgo, and was sent off five times last year.

Parreira said Brazil, criticised in 1990 for abandoning their traditional flair in favour of a more cautious approach, would this time concentrate on attack.

"Our only defensive worry is to get the ball back when the opposition have it, but when we have the ball our players will be given all freedom they

need to attack."

Parreira refused to say why Edmundo had been left out. "I am only talking about the players who have been selected," he said.

There was also no place for Roma central defender Aldair, who lost his spot to Marcio Santos, or for Paris St Germain midfielder Valdo, despite his fine season in the French championship.

The squad included 11 foreign-based and 11 home-based players. Eleven of those called up were also survivors from Brazil's last World Cup campaign, when they were knocked out in the second round, their worst-ever performance in the history of the tournament.

"I can imagine that all the headlines tomorrow will say that there were no surprises, but I take this as a compliment," said Parreira, who has used 85 players in his three years in charge. "It's a sign of coherence."

He also vowed to make a big effort to avoid off-field distractions such as discussions over prize money and players negotiating transfer with agents, which have disrupted past Brazilian campaigns.

"We have to win the World Cup off the pitch as well," he said. "We have to solve all the problems that can affect the players' performance such as

businessmen and discussion over prize money."

He paid tribute to the personality of the players, who took part in last year's difficult World Cup qualifying campaign, which Brazil survived despite a shock defeat to Bolivia.

"We have players with personality. People have called our players mercenaries and have said that they don't want to play for Brazil, but last year they showed that the situation is exactly the opposite."

Of Brazil's chances of winning their fourth title, Parreira said there was confidence but no exaggerated optimism.

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Goalkeepers — Taffarel (Reggiana), Gilmar (Flamengo), Zetti (Sao Paulo).

Defenders — Jorginho (Bayern Munich), Cafu (Sao Paulo), Leonardo (Sao Paulo), Branco (Fluminense), Ricardo Gomes (Paris St Germain), Ricardo Rocha (Vasco Da Gama), Mozer (Benfica), Marcio Santos (Bordeaux).

Midfielders — Mauro Silva (Deportivo La Coruna), Dunga (Stuttgart), Mazinho (Palmeiras), Zinho (Palmeiras), Rai (Paris St Germain), Paulo Sergio (Bayern Leverkusen).

Forwards — Bebeto (Deportivo La Coruna), Romario (Barcelona), Ronaldo (Cruzeiro), Muller (Sao Paulo), Viola (Corinthians).

## Courier, Becker sail along



ROME, May 11: American Jim Courier and German Boris Becker crushed into the last 16 of the clay-court Italian Open on Wednesday with straight-set second round wins, reports Reuters.

Third seed Courier, seeking his third successive Italian Open title, enjoyed a second comfortable win over a qualifier in many days.

Now ranked fourth in the world but a former number one, "Big Jim" defeated Spaniard Alberto Costa 6-3, 6-4.

Former Wimbledon champion Becker, who has never won a clay-court tournament, turned in an impressive performance to beat another Spaniard, Javier Sanchez, 6-2, 6-2 in little over an hour.

Becker, seeded eighth in the two dollar million tournament, now has a 6-0 career record against Sanchez, who had risen to 27th in the world after reaching the semifinals in Hamburg last week.

Courier was happy with his progress ahead of the French Open, which begins on May 23. The Florida man was runner-up in Paris last year after winning the Grand Slam event in 1991 and 1992.

"I'm hitting the ball very well. I feel I'm getting better," he said.

**This boy Alberto (Costa) is Agassi tested**

ROME, May 11: Maybe the new Andre Agassi is for real.

Yes, he's still tossing his tennis shirt to adoring teenage fans in the crowd, bowing and throwing kisses.

Yes, his choice of language at several points during his match may cost him some money in fines.

But the "new" Agassi dug in during his first round match against Tomas Carbonell on the clay at the Foro Italico and came back to win 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 Tuesday, reports AP.

"It was very good for me to get through that one," said the 1992 Wimbledon champion. "It was important for me to get my game going."

Since winning Wimbledon, Agassi hasn't reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam.

Agassi played only 13 tournaments in 1993, a year marked by early exits.

a good player. He doesn't make many mistakes ... I had to play well out there today."

Seventh-seed Thomas Muster of Austria saved two match points in the second set before securing a hard-fought 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 win over Russian Andrei Olhovsky.

Another Russian, Alexander Volkov, became the fourth seed to fall when he went down 6-4, 6-4 to Moroccan qualifier Karim Alami.

Volkov was seeded 15th. Fellow seeds Paul Haarhuis, Arnaud Boetsch and Marc Rosset have also made early exits from this high-quality tournament on the previous two days.

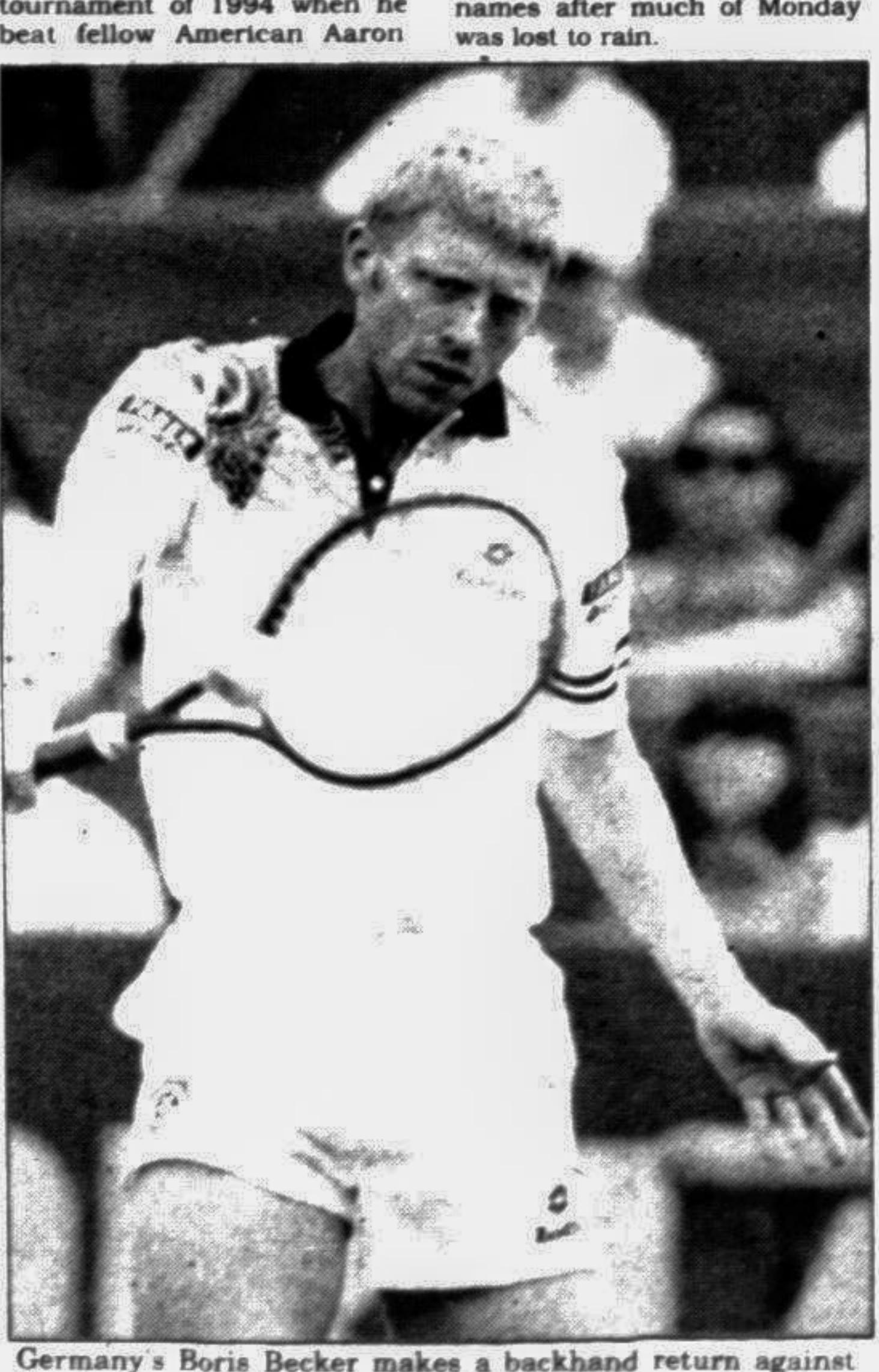
On Tuesday, world number one Pete Sampras made a winning start to his first clay-court tournament of 1994 when he beat fellow American Aaron

Krickstein in straight sets in the opening round.

A host of big names came through a busy day unscathed with Americans Jim Courier, seeking his third straight Italian Open title, and Andre Agassi reaching the last 32 in contrasting style.

Courier beat Czech qualifier Libor Nemecek in straight sets while the long-haired Las Vegas won the last three games to pull off a 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 victory over Spaniard Tomas Carbonell, ranked 67th in the world.

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Germany's Boris Becker makes a backhand return against Czech Karel Novacek at the Italian Open on Tuesday. Becker won 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

— AFP photo

## No veterans in US WC squad

MISSION VIEJO, California, May 11: Veteran defender Desmond Armstrong and three others were dropped from the US World Cup squad on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Defender Jeff Agoos and midfielders Janusz Michalik and Brian Quinn joined Armstrong in failing to make the cut as coach Bora Milutinovic trimmed numbers to 25.

A US soccer statement said Milutinovic would name the final 22 men on June 3, the date on which teams must submit their World Cup squads to world body FIFA.

Armstrong, 29, played in the 1988 Olympic team and in the 1990 World Cup in Italy. He had 83 caps.

Belfast-born Quinn, 33, had 48 caps and made his first team appearance in 1991. Agoos had scored twice in 39 appearances, Michalik once in 40 games.

US soccer said the 22-man squad would be from:

Goalkeepers — Tony Meola, Jürgen Sommer, Brad Friedel.

Defenders — Marcelo Balboa, Brian Bliss, Paul Caligiuri, Fernando Clavijo, Thomas Dooley, Ole Kooiman, Alexi Lalas, Mike Lappin.

Midfielders — Mike Burns, John Harkes, Chris Henderson, Cobie Jones, Dominic Kinnear, Hugo Perez, Tab Ramos, Claudio Reyna, Mike Soriano.

Forwards — Frank Klopas, Joe-Max Moore, Ernie Stewart, Roy Wegerle, Eric Wynalda.

"There are so many variables and we had to take them all saddened just as I was saddened.

Last week, Milutinovic announced the release of former US team captain Peter Vermes and goalkeeper Casey Keller.

"We looked at all the pros and cons of each player's abilities," Milutinovic said. "We, as coaches, all gave our opinions but mine is the final word and that's the way it went."

Team officials said they stand behind Milutinovic's decisions on roster cuts.

"Sport is not a democracy," Hank Stenbrenner, executive director and secretary general of the US Soccer Federation, told a gathering of reporters. "We're not voting on who's going to start."

Argentina's ultimatum

BUENOS AIRES, May 11: Argentina will pull out of a football tournament in Japan if Diego Maradona and Claudio Caniggia are refused entry, a Football Association spokesman said here Tuesday, reports AFP.

Argentina were worried the players may be barred because of their drugs record. Both players were charged in Italy with cocaine use and Caniggia has just finished a world-wide soccer ban imposed by FIFA.

Argentina were due to play Japan on May 22 and France on May 26 in the Kirin Cup.

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Finland in Thomas Cup

JAKARTA, May 11: Indonesia routed Finland 5-0 in the Thomas Cup badminton finals on Tuesday, reinforcing their status as favourites to take the trophy, reports Reuter.

Finland, making their debut in the competition without their number one Pontius Janti who was injured, were outclassed by the experienced and highly-rated Indonesians.

World number one Joko Supriyanto gave Indonesia a winning start by trouncing Robert Liljequist 15-3, 15-4.

"He was very fast and kept on hitting the lines," Liljequist said.

Spurred on by cheers and blaring trumpets from the crowd, All-England champion Heriyanu Arifi put the home side 2-0 up by defeating Juri Aalto 16-5, 15-7.

Indonesian number two Ardy Wigandie completed the singles set by beating Lasses Linelo 15-5, 15-5.

All-England doubles champions Bahang Suprianto and Gunawan and runners-up Ricky Subagya and Rexy Mainaky completed the victory.

China defeated Sweden 4-1 in a tame encounter. The only spark of excitement came from world number eight Jens Olsson who fought doggedly but could not overcome the attacking play of Lui Jun who won 15-10, 15-12.

In the women's Uber Cup competition, defending champions China beat the inexperienced Russian team 5-0.

World number two Yi Zhaoying outclassed Marina Andreevsaya 11-3, 11-8, in less than 30 minutes while her fast-rising compatriot Han Jingna, ranked fifth in the world, scored a convincing 11-3, 11-2, win over Irina Jakusheva.

## Press freedom or no coverage?

NEW YORK, May 11: With the start of the World Cup just five weeks away, several major US news organizations are refusing demands for security checks on reporters covering the monthlong tournament, reports AP.

The dispute with tournament organisers could threaten coverage for the soccer showcase, the world's most widely viewed sports event.

"We have certain journalistic principles and we will stand by those principles," Neil Andur, sports editor of The New York Times, said Tuesday.

"I really wonder why waiver is necessary," said Gene

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Policinski, managing editor of sports of USA Today.

The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), soccer's world governing body, said news organisations were overreacting.

FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said the problem is being caused by lawyers, and said some reporters from dissenting news organisations already have signed and returned the forms.

"We cannot interfere if the security officials believe these measures are necessary," Tognoni said Tuesday in

Zurich, Switzerland, where the organization is based.

The World Cup, which takes place every four years, is in the United States for the first time and will be played in nine cities from June 17 to July 17. Organisers expect to accredit about 7,000 reporters for the 24-national, 52-game tournament.

ABC, which is broadcasting 11 games in the United States, hasn't been asked to sign the forms, spokesman Andy Dallas said Tuesday.

Curt Pires of ESPN, which is broadcasting 41 games, said his network was still evaluating its position.

In a May 5 letter to the protesting news organisations, Rothenberg said World Cup organisers need to take certain security precautions "to assure public safety, particularly since many heads of state from throughout the world will be in attendance."

He said all World Cup workers, players, stadium personnel and sponsors signed the forms. "Only the media has balked," the letter said.

The letter said organisers will not receive any specific data from the FBI or other agencies. Rather, at our request, they will review the applicant's record and simply advise the World Cup Organising Committee whether, based on that review, we should consider a specific application more carefully before granting clearance.

Rothenberg's letter went on

to say that accreditation to the 1994 World Cup is a privilege and not a right. Dale Bye, president of Associated Press Sports Editors, said the organisation discussed the issue and decided not to take position.

Wary Washington to take no chance

WASHINGTON, May 11: Citing concerns for the safety of players and fans, DC police have ordered a six-foot (1.8 m) fence erected around the playing field at RFK Stadium for the five World Cup soccer matches to be played there, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"It is a well-known fact that foreign fans associated with soccer have had a tendency to charge the field," the paper quoted assistant chief Melvin Clark, who is coordinating World Cup security for the police department.

FIFA officials, sensitive about the game's image as a result of well-publicised incidents of hooliganism and violence throughout Europe, are not happy about the police decision.

The Post quoted FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni as saying that people were "panicking a little bit."

"We think some people have been misled and this is damaging the whole image of the event. FIFA is trying to show in the United States that this is a peaceful game, that we do not need fences," Tognoni told the newspaper.

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