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GOAL SCORERS

UNDATED: June 27: Following are the World Cup '94 goalscorers after Sunday's matches:

- 3 goals: Gabriel Batistuta, Argentina. Martin Dahlin, Sweden. 2 goals: Georges Bregy, Switzerland. Ebad Amin, Saudi Arabia. Claudio Caniggia, Argentina. Luis Garcia, Mexico. Juan Antonio Goikoetxea, Spain. Gheorghe Hagi, Romania. Juergen Klinsmann, Germany. Florin Raducioiu, Romania. Romario, Brazil. Hristo Stoichkov, Bulgaria. Adolfo Valencia, Colombia. 1 goal: Philippe Albert, Belgium. John Aldridge, Ireland. Sami al Jaber, Saudi Arabia. Daniel Amokachi, Nigeria. Emmanuel Amunike, Nigeria. Dino Baggio, Italy. Daniel Borimirov, Bulgaria. Bebeto, Brazil. Tomas Brodin, Sweden. Stephane Chapuisat, Switzerland. Mohammed Chaouch, Morocco. Marc Degryse, Belgium. David Embe, Cameroon. Herman Gaviria, Colombia. Hong Myung-bo, South Korea. Ray Houghton, Ireland. Wim Jonk, Netherlands. Adrian Knup, Switzerland. Irodan Letchkov, Bulgaria. Roger Ljung, Sweden. Harold Lozano, Colombia. Diego Maradona, Argentina. Françoise Omam-Biyick, Cameroon. Daniel Petrescu, Romania. Rai, Brazil. Kjetil Rekdal, Norway. Oleg Salenko, Russia. Julio Salinas, Spain. Marcio Santos, Brazil. Seo Jung-won, South Korea. Samson Siasia, Nigeria. Ernie Starck, United States. Alain Sutter, Switzerland. Gaston Taument, Netherlands. Erick Wynalda, United States. Rashidi Yekini, Nigeria. Own goals: Andres Escobar, Colombia (for United States).

Nigeria make a noise in world

BOSTON, June 27: The team that was meant to set the World Cup alight with attacking football is being pilloried for bringing the game into disrepute, reports AFP.

Nigeria, the African champions, closed their training to the media and slunk back to their hotel amid a crescendo of attacks levelled at their performance against Argentina.

Poacher turned gamekeeper, Argentina say the Nigerians adopted 'premeditated thuggery' in an attempt to steamroll the two-time world champions out of Saturday's Group D game at Foxboro Stadium near here.

Coach Alfio Basile said four or five of his players were 'beaten up' during the game, which Argentina wrapped up 2-1 after going 1-0 down in the first eight minutes.

Captain Diego Maradona, who had his left cheek X-rayed after taking an elbow from Nigerian defender Mike Emenola, branded the Africans 'animals.'

'I admired them once, but not anymore,' he said. 'That was premeditated thuggery.'

He blamed referee Bo Karlsson for allowing the Nigerians to get away with it.

'Two of their players should have been sent off,' he said. 'One of them in the first 10 minutes. That would have put a stop to it.'

But Nigeria's Dutch coach Clemens Westerhof dismissed the allegations and said Maradona 'complained like a baby.'

He insisted his team had a good disciplinary record and said 'They just love to play football.'

Claudio Caniggia, the AS Roma star who scored both goals in the game, said his right foot was stamped on so badly in the 57th minute he needed to go off the field twice for pain-killing injections.

'If FIFA doesn't do something about this we will be back to the bad days of the 1990 tournament,' said Maradona.



DO YOU NEED A CAPTION FOR THIS? A scene from the stands of the Rose Bowl Stadium during the Romania-USA match on June 26.

Sweden, Brazil's friendly foes?

PONTIAC, June 27: Brazil has stormed into the second round of the World Cup but insist there is no chance they will relax against Sweden in their final Group B match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

'We're still only at the start of the tournament. We will attack our opponents in the traditional Brazilian way. Ours is a team with a strong personality,' said assistant coach Mario Zagalo.

'Other teams always make a bigger effort when they play against Brazil. They seem to have more motivation. They often change their entire style of play when they face us.'

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira sounded a more confident tone when he said Sweden were a more predictable side than previous opponents Cameroon, who the Brazilians dismissed 3-0.

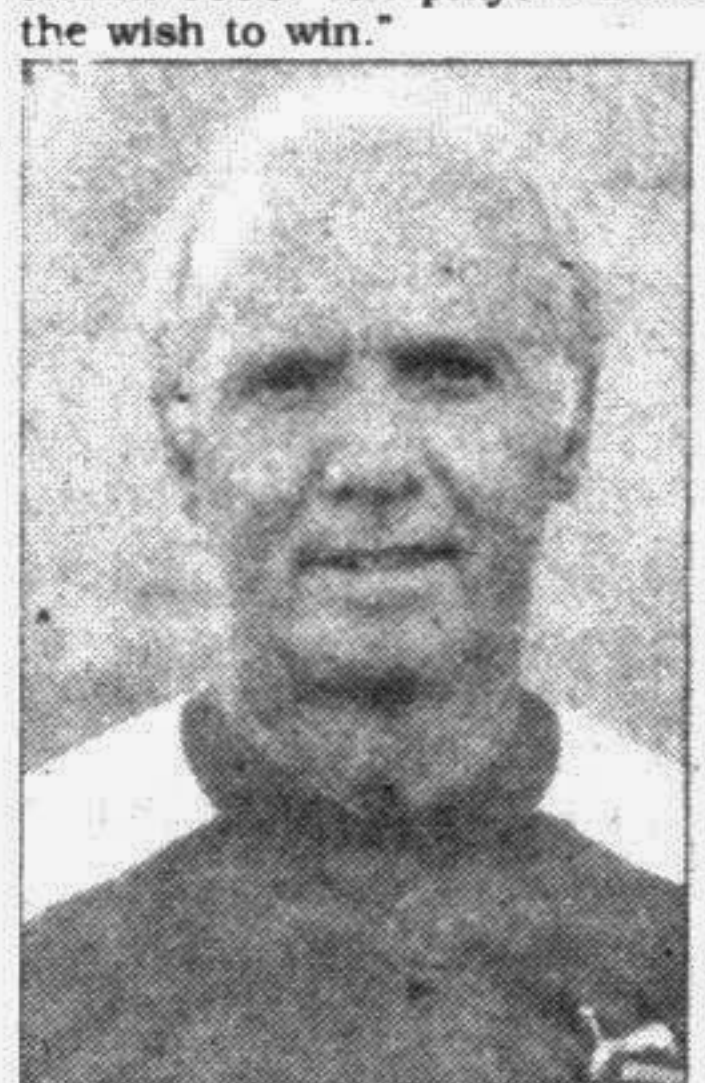
The one 'doubt for Brazil is defender Ricardo Rocha, slowly recovering from a strained left thigh muscle which kept him out of the last game, Parreira will decide whether to play him after a training session on Monday.

The Swedes need a point to secure second place but could struggle up front because leading striker Martin Dahlin, who netted twice against Russia, is

suspended for the game. Sweden could end up third if they lose and Cameroon thrash Russia.

Tuesday's game is a chance for the Swedes to avenge their 2-1 defeat to Brazil in the opening round of the 1990 World Cup, when they lost all three matches.

'We have very good morale. We've been down in several games and come back,' said coach Tommy Svensson. 'The team is much better than the one in 1990. The players have the wish to win.'



MARIO ZAGALO Tomas Brodin, who scored in the 1990 game, adopted more of a midfield role in the

first two games but might be pushed up front to partner Kennet Andersson or Henrik Larsson.

Last week Swedish midfielder Anders Limpar said no one would beat Brazil this year.

Retorted Brodin: 'I will show him he's wrong on Tuesday.'

The only doubt for the Swedes is defender Jonas Bjorklund, still suffering from a groin strain. If he does not recover Magnus Erlingmark is likely to take over.

Past World Cup meetings between the two sides have produced their fair share of incident.

Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in the 1958 final while the 1-1 draw in 1978 is best remembered for referee Clive Thomas's decision to blow for fulltime just after Brazil had taken a corner, ruling out a goal netted one second later.

TEAMS

Brazil: 1-Taffarel, 2-Jorginho, 16-Leonardo, 15-Marcio Santos, 13-Aldair, 8-Dunga, 5-Mauro Silva, 10-Rai, 9-Zinho, 7-Bebeto, 11-Romario.

Sweden: 1-Thomas Ravelli, 2-Roland Nilsson, 3-Patrik Andersson, 4-Joachim Bjorklund, 20-Magnus Erlingmark, 5-Roger Ljung, 6-Stefan Schwarz, 8-Klas Ingvesson, 9-Jonas Thern, 19-Kennet Andersson, 7-Henrik Larsson, 11-Tomas Brodin.

Belgians aim to top pool

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, June 27: Belgian coach Paul Van Himst wants his players to secure at least

a point in their last first-round game against Saudi Arabia to top Group F and stay in Orlando for the second round of the World Cup, reports Reuter.

Belgium, 1-0 winners over Morocco in Orlando's Citrus Bowl on June 19, beat the Netherlands 1-0 there on Saturday to guarantee their presence in the last 16 before their final group game against Saudi Arabia in Washington next Wednesday.

'We still need a point to be first in the group. It would be a shame to waste the chance. We've been here two weeks and we all want to stay here,' Van Himst said on Sunday at the squad's base 50 miles (80

km) north of Orlando.

Staying put in Florida would avoid extra travel and changing accommodation, while the time already spent in the hot and humid climate would stand the team in good stead against opponents who would have to adjust to it, he believes.

Van Himst anticipates another tough game for this team against Saudi Arabia, who beat Morocco after sustaining a narrow defeat against the Netherlands.

'We must not underestimate Saudi Arabia,' he said. But the coach was delighted with Saturday's victory over neighbours and arch-rivals the Netherlands in an exciting battle in the Citrus Bowl.

'It was a beautiful match. The team is growing as the tournament progresses. With this win we qualified and we're now in a comfortable position. Everybody's happy.'

'Those who thought before the game we would play defensively and stay in front of our own goal deceived themselves. We showed we can play very well,' he said.

If Belgium top group F, their next round opponents would be from Group E.

Van Himst said he would prefer not to face Italy but did not mind the three others in Group E — Mexico, Ireland and Norway. All four teams in the group have three points each after two games.

Most of the Belgian side are in their late 20s or early 30s but the coach dismissed concerns about age.

'When I see teams like Italy and Germany, it's the same. It's nothing to do with age, it's experience,' he said. 'You'll need experience in this tournament when the first round is over.'

Brazilian newsmen beware!

DETROIT, Michigan, June 27: Brazilian journalists have been warned the Swedish team's hotel here is off limits in the lead-up to Tuesday's deciding World Cup Group B match at the Silverdome, reports AFP.

FIFA told the formidable Brazilian press contingent, armed with their mobile phones and recorders, they are not allowed to door-step the Swedish players and can only talk with them at organised conferences.

Those who disobey the directive would lose their World Cup accreditation passes, FIFA press officer Lars Berend said.

Garcia wee bit ill

FAIREFAX, Virginia, June 27: Striker Luis Garcia, scorer of both goals in Mexico's 2-1 win over Ireland, has mild flu but will be fit for Tuesday's key Group E match against Italy, the team doctor said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

But coach Miguel Mejia Barón was more cautious when asked whether Garcia would play in the match that could decide whether Italy or Mexico reach the second round.

'I don't know, we'll have to wait and see,' he said. Team doctor Alfonso Diaz said Garcia, who missed Saturday's team training session in Washington, was also nursing an injury from a Friday's match against Ireland in Orlando.

'Luis could not train because he has flu,' he said. 'In any case training is optional after a match.'

Garcia preferred to take it easy because he took a knock on the hip,' said Diaz, adding that the Mexican squad had no serious injury worries going into Tuesday's game.

Preud'homme proves a point

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla, June 27: Only weeks ago, Belgian barrooms were 'ife with talk whether to snore the aging Michel Preud'homme aside. On Sunday, the whole nation was celebrating his name after an unforgettable show, reports AP.

Almost singlehandedly, Preud'homme bedeviled the feared Dutch offense with countless world class saves, leading Belgium to a 1-0 win over their neighbouring arch rival Saturday and into the second round of the World Cup.

Belgian coach Paul Van Himst calls him the best keeper in the tournament and the opposition can only show frustration — and heaps of respect.

At 35, Preud'homme has had enough highs and lows to put it in perspective.

'As a goalkeeper, you can be the best in the world one day, and five days later you can be finished,' he said Sunday.

Forgive him the sense of realism in his moment of glory. After finishing a mediocre eighth in the Belgian league with FC Mechlin and conceding 40 goals over the season, it seemed his luck had run out for good.

'People thought I was pitiful,' he said. 'I was very tough to deal with.'

Meanwhile, Filip De Wilde was playing great with Andrelecht, increasing pressure on Preud'homme. 'He was breathing down my neck,' he said.

Song's ban increased

DALLAS, June 27: Cameroon defender Rigobert Song, sent off for a foul in a World Cup match with Brazil on Friday, had his one-match ban increased to two on Sunday after FIFA said it had made a mistake, reports Reuter.

FIFA, which had said players sent off directly would get minimum two-game bans, only gave Bahanan Song a one-match ban on Saturday.

But they issued a statement on Sunday saying their disciplinary committee had made a mistake and that the 17-year-old defender would miss the final first-round match against Russia on June 28, and the second round game if they qualify.

Baggio's crowning by fire

WASHINGTON, June 27: Roberto Baggio's topsy-turvy World Cup will continue on Tuesday when he captains Italy in their decisive Group E game against Mexico here, reports AFP.

Baggio's promotion comes days after he was substituted by coach Arrigo Sacchi after only 20 minutes of the dramatic 1-0 win over Norway which put Italy World Cup show back on the road.

The European footballer-of-the-year has been given a vote of confidence by Sacchi, who now expects the Juventus playmaker to book his country's place in the second round.

Mexican manager Miguel Mejia Barón said he had not made up his mind whether veteran Hugo Sanchez would start or not.

'It is going to be a different game against Italy,' he said. 'They don't give the ball away, they defend well and their stars fit into the team plan.'

Baggio has been given the captaincy by Sacchi because of injuries sustained against Norway by Franco Baresi and his usual replacement as captain, AC Milan club-mate Paolo Maldini.

'As Baresi cannot play and Maldini is almost certainly out, Roberto is the obvious choice. He has done it before and he is capable of inspiring his teammates,' said Sacchi who insisted Baggio had no problems with his heel.

'He is training as hard as anyone else,' he said. Sacchi said they were working on a plan to counter Mexico's blend of European

and South American styles. 'They put pressure on you, they can play the offside trap and they never lose their shape,' he said. 'But they also have a lot of technique and are capable of moving six or seven players very quickly into attack.'

Sacchi was confident second-choice goalkeeper Luca Marchegiani would not let them down. Marchegiani came on in the thrilling win over Norway when Gianluca Pagliuca was sent off for handball out-

side his penalty area. 'Marchegiani was given a tough test when he came on against Norway and he came through it. We have no worries there,' Sacchi said.

Baron is not worried an Argentinian will be refereeing the match.

Argentine fans still hold a grudge against Mexican referee Edgar Codesal who sent off two Argentine players and awarded Germany the penalty which won the 1990 final in Rome.

'It's not an issue for us,' Baron said. 'We have to worry about playing good football. So far the refereeing has been excellent.'

Francisco Lamolina handles the Group E match which will decide who qualifies for the next round.

Baron believes they can upset Italy. 'We didn't deserve to lose to Norway and we kept our composure against Ireland. We can beat Italy if we play to our potential,' he said.

However, he agreed it would be a tough match. 'Italian players play in the toughest league in the world and they are used to playing under tremendous amounts of pressure,' he said.

Veteran forward Hugo Sanchez, dropped for the 2-1 win over Ireland, said Italy would be a 'tough bone to chew.'

'But I'm certain we can beat them. I hope to play but the decision is up to the coach.'

Luis Garcia, two-goal hero against Ireland, missed training because of a cold but will be fit.

Referee: Francisco Lamolina (Argentina).

Probable Teams

ITALY: Luca Marchegiani, Antonio Benarrivo, Alessandro Costacurta, Luigi Apolloni, Nicola Bertì, Demetrio Albertini, Dino Baggio, Giuseppe Signori, Roberto Baggio, Pierluigi Casiraghi.

MEXICO: Jorge Campos, Jorge Rodriguez, Jesus Ramirez Perales, Claudio Suarez, Joaquin Del Olmo, Marcelino Bernal, Luis Garcia, Ignacio Ambriz, Alberto Garcia Aspe, Luis Alves, Carlos Hermosillo.

Referee: Francisco Lamolina (Argentina).

Who cares for purist's glee

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, June 27: The Ireland-Norway match on Tuesday is unlikely to be pretty,

but as long as they both make the World Cup second round neither will care what the purists think, reports Reuter.

The two nations, much criticised for their long ball style, clash head-on with at least one place in the last 16 available from the deadlocked Group E.

Ireland, Norway, Mexico and Italy all have three points from two games but the Mexicans and the Irish enjoy the advantage of having scored a goal more than their rivals.

So it all comes down to the final matches in which Italy play Mexico in Washington while Ireland meet Norway here just outside New York at the same lunchtime hour.

A draw should put the Irish through and could condemn Norway to an early exit in their first World Cup since 1938.

'We have to go out for a win. I don't think nil-nil will be good enough,' said Norwegian captain Rune Bratseth.

Ireland coach Jack Charlton has promised that his team will seek the three points for a win.

A folk hero in Ireland after leading the country to the last two World Cups, the abrasive Charlton has been banned from the touchline for this vital game after arguing with offi-

cials during his team's 2-1 defeat by Mexico on Friday.

Assistant coach Maurice Setters will take charge, down by the pitch while Charlton is banished to the stand, from where he will communicate with the bench via two-way radio.

Charlton is forced to change his two full backs as both Denis Irwin and Terry Phelan are suspended.

Gary Kelly is set to replace Irwin on the right while Steve Staunton will drop from midfield to fill the gap left by Phelan. Jason McAteer, who has come on as substitute in the last two games, is expected to start in midfield.

Norwegian defender Alf Inge Haaland is out of the game through suspension and his place could go to Gunnar Halle of Oldham Athletic, one of several English-based players in the two squads.

Ireland suffered in the heat of Orlando when they lost to Mexico and will be relieved to hear the temperature in New Jersey is forecast to be only in the low 80s Fahrenheit (low 30s Celsius) — very warm but not intolerable for soccer players.

The Irish can expect great support from the fans who helped lift them to a famous 1-0 win over the Italians in Giants Stadium just over a week ago.

The venue conjures up less happy thoughts for the Norwegians, their defeat here by 10-man Italy last Thursday still fresh in the mind.

Norwegian coach Egil Olsen has joked: 'There will be a lot of long balls from both sides. May be you should watch the game from outside the stadium.'

WORLD CUP DIARY

LOS ANGELES, California, June 27: (AFP) Sunday's World Cup diary:

DAYS AT THE BEACH The steam heat of Orlando's Citrus Bowl has sparked complaints from almost everyone who plays there, but the Belgian World Cup team is starting to like it.

'We want to stay in Orlando,' said Belgian keeper Michel Preud'homme. 'We are very happy here. We like Orlando and we like Daytona Beach.'

The team are based at a golf and tennis resort near Daytona Beach about 50 miles (80 km) from Orlando.

NOT IN THE BAG FOR BAGGIO Italian football officials may investigate Dino Baggio's transfer from Juventus to Parma, which was announced after he scored the winning goal in Thursday's match against Norway.

Parma club officials said he signed the four-year contract in New York this week, but there was supposed to be a moratorium on transfers during the World Cup.

'If the contract was signed this week, the case can be subject to investigation,' said Raffaele Ranucci, head of the Italian delegation.

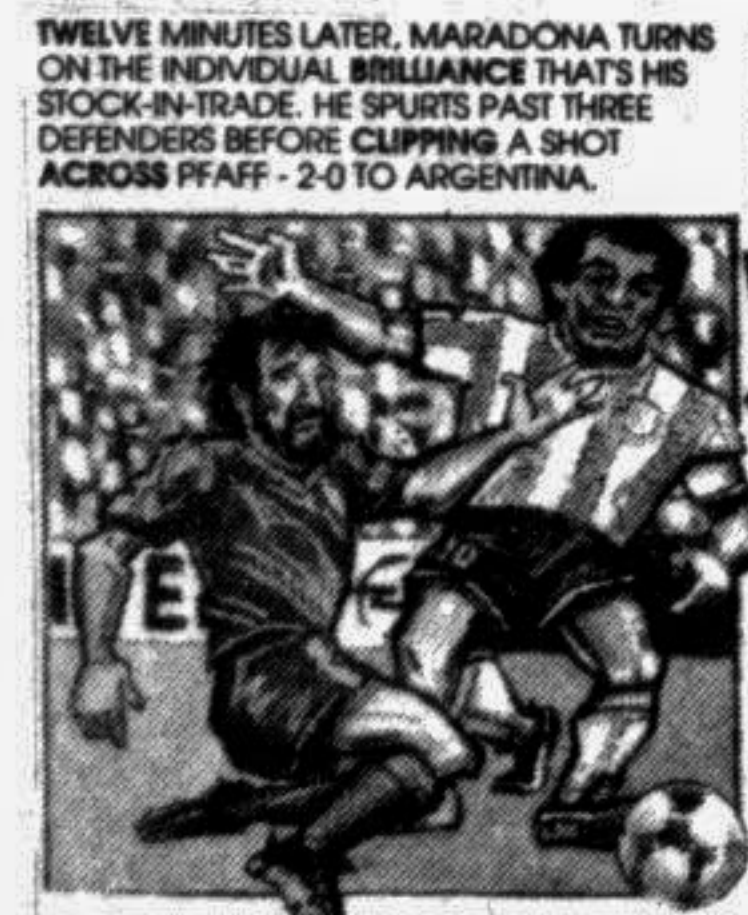
MOROCCO IN THE DOCK Moroccan fans have called for the country's football chiefs to be tried after Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia. 'They do what they want because they know nobody will touch them,' said cafe owner Mohammed Hamid. 'They should be put on trial. It's a national disgrace,' Abdellah Blinda, a contested choice as coach, has been pilloried by the press.

WORLD CUP SLOWDOWN Betting has increased, the price of colour television sets has shot up and civil servants are turning up late for work and going home early as World Cup fever grips Vietnam. National television's offer of 10,000 dollars as top prize in a competition to predict the best striker and the eventual winners has seen the price of colour sets jump 20 dollars in Hanoi.

WHAT'S IN A NAME Major league soccer, the new US pro league scheduled to start next April, is drumming up support at World Cup venues.

At the MLS information booth at the Rose Bowl, fans are being asked to suggest a name for the new Los Angeles club.

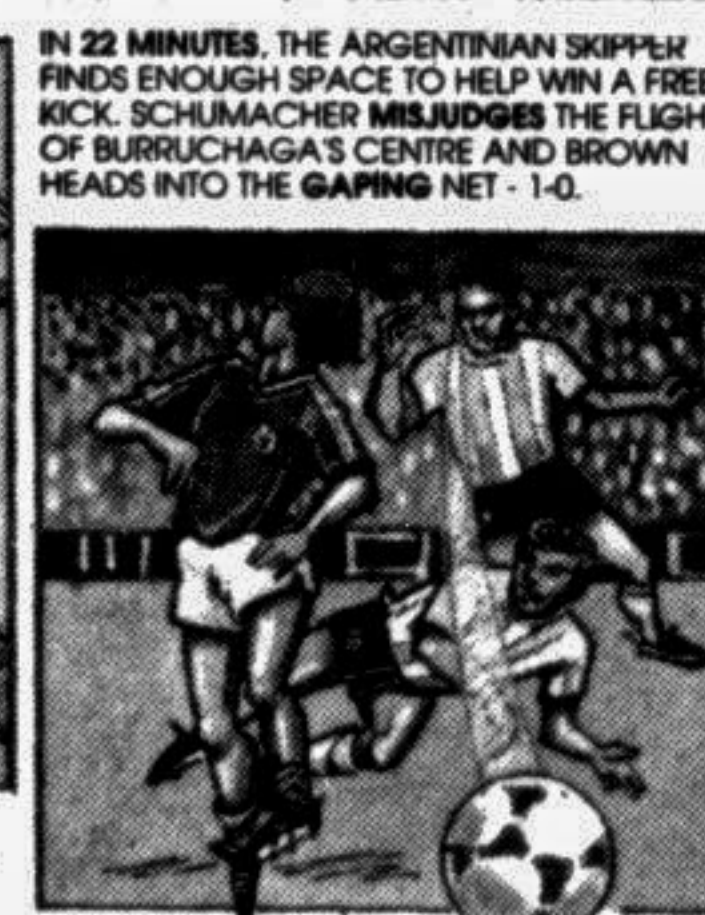
'We've been getting mainly man-made and natural disasters,' said Alfonso Nune.



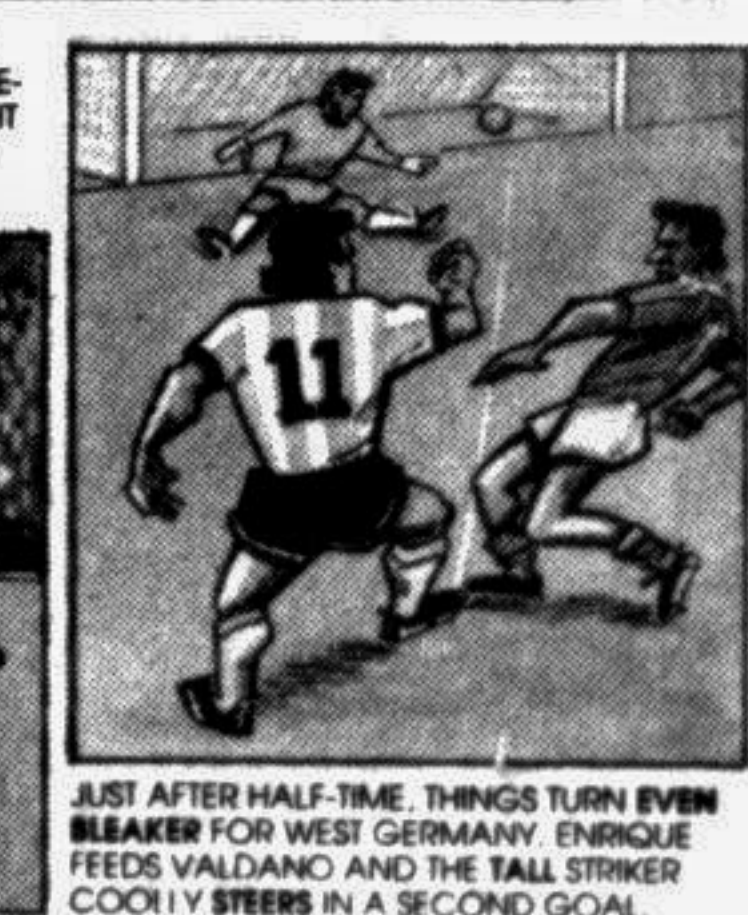
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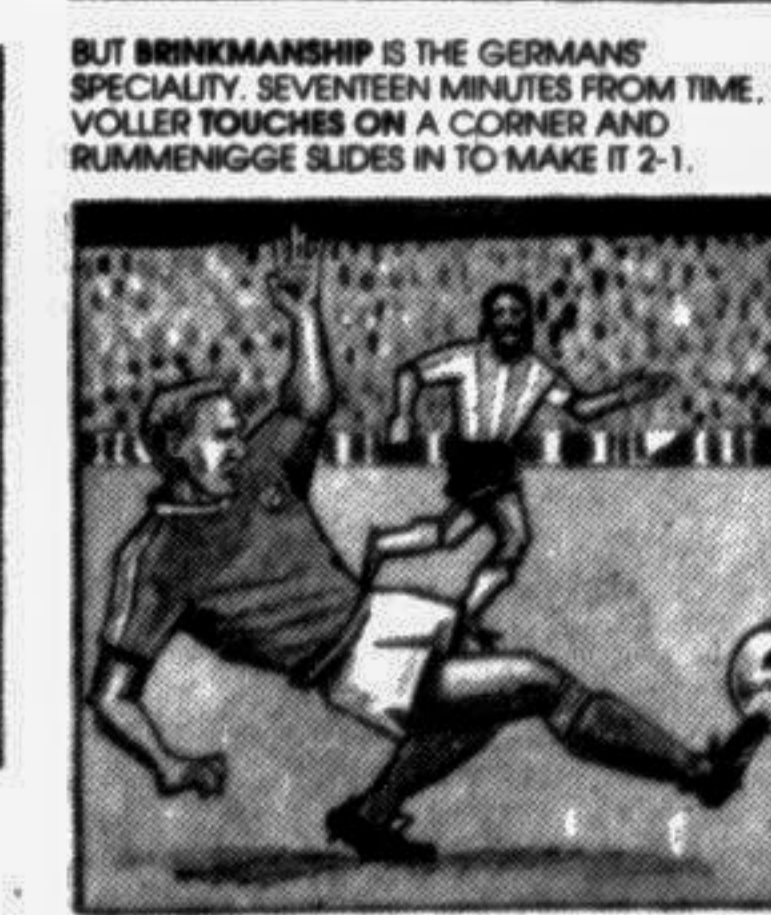
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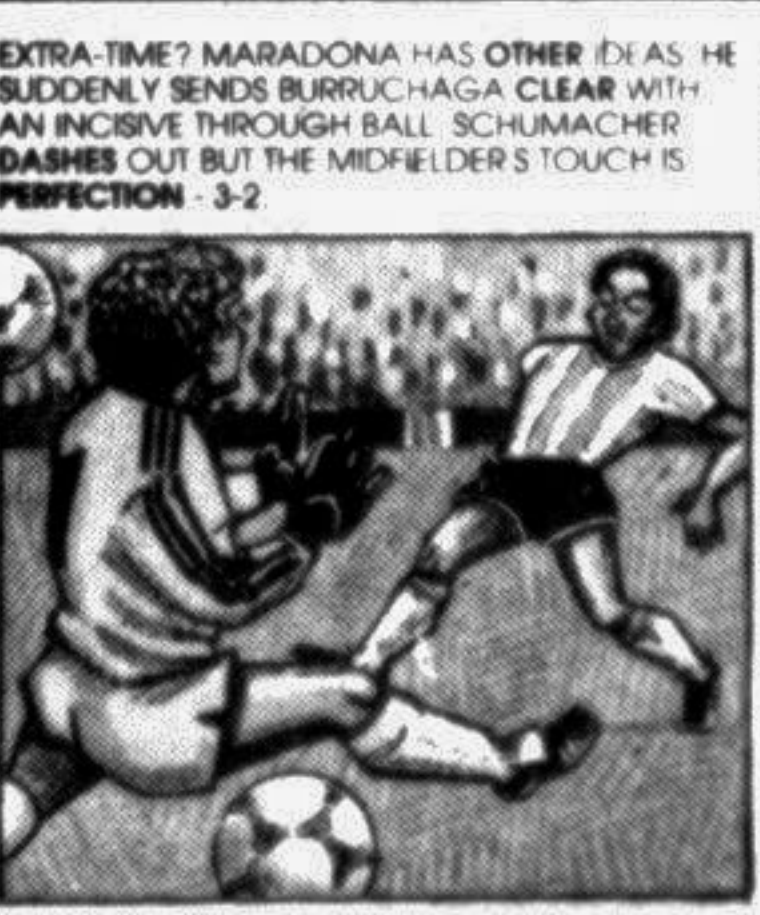
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