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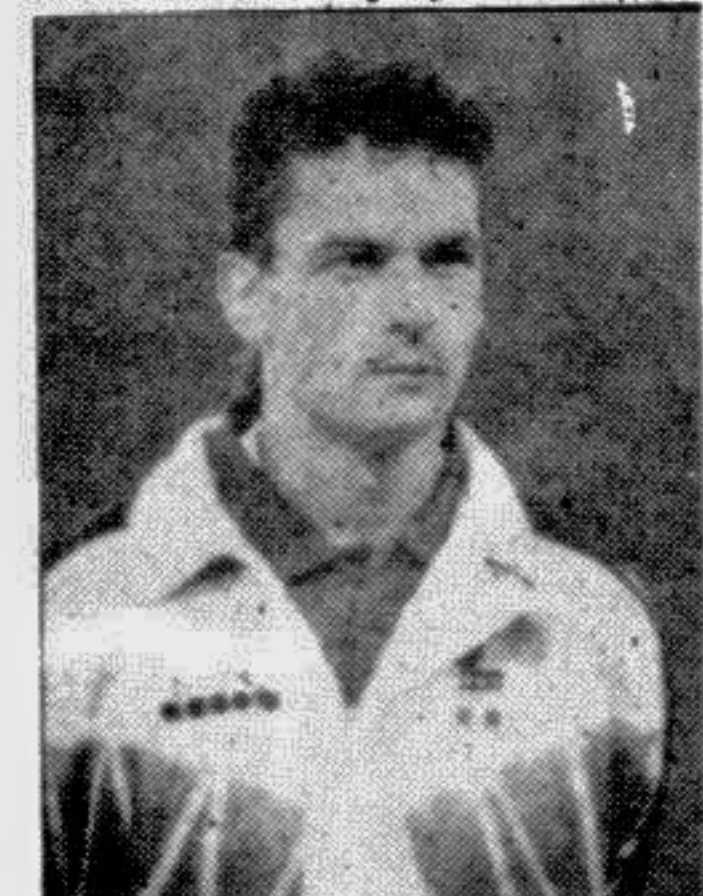
## Of a diverse, driving duo

MARTINSVILLE, N.J. July 11: They play with different styles, in different roles. One is strongly built and powerful, the other short and agile.

Dino and Roberto Baggio have little in common except the last name and the ability to score decisive goals for the Italian national team, reports AP.

The Baggios, as they are internationally known by now, tallied five of Italy's six goals in five World Cup matches. Their contribution was decisive in the qualification of the Azzurri for the World Cup semifinals — Italy's second semifinal appearance in a row.

Roberto, 27, the imaginative forward who was voted as the best world player of 1993,



ROBERTO BAGGIO

scored two goals against Nigeria in the second round and the winner in Saturday's quarterfinal against Spain.

Dino, 22, a midfielder, scored in Italy's shorthanded 1-0 victory against Norway in the preliminary round and the opener against Spain at

Foxboro Stadium. Italy's only non-Baggio goal was Daniele Massaro's in the 1-1 draw with Mexico.

Underlining the key role of the two Baggios in Italy's fortunes, Sunday's banner headline of Gazzetta dello Sport — the country's largest sports daily — read "ItaBaggio."

Born in the same region — Veneto in northeast Italy — the Baggios are not related but are close friends.

They have been teammates for two years with Juventus of Turin and go hunting and skiing together. Both have overcome serious knee injuries that jeopardized their soccer careers.

However, they will play with rival clubs next season: Dino recently signed for Parma for a \$900,000 contract.

Roberto, Italy's most popular and highest paid player, is known to make about 2 million lire a year with the Turin club, which is owned and financed by Italian auto tycoon Gianni Agnelli.

Agnelli, who likes wisecracks, said Roberto Baggio looked like a "drenched rabbit" following some lackluster performances of the Juventus star in the initial World Cup games.

Roberto said Sunday that his scoring streak was not prompted by Agnelli's criticism.

"I'm the same player of one week ago, when I had not yet scored three goals. I have only overcome some psychological problems. Agnelli's remark was not a problem. It did not wake me up, because I have never been asleep during the World Cup," Baggio said.

About his scoring association with the other Baggio, Roberto said "We have set up a good venture, which I hope can keep producing goals in

the coming games."

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the Italian media. But both rejected the role of protagonists.

The winning spirit of the team, of our group, is what really counts," said Roberto Baggio. "I am satisfied with my goals, but I can give more to the team."



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## French women get no solace!

PARIS, July 11: French wife beaters are hitting their spouses for longer and harder during the World Cup, a women's help association said here on Monday, reports AFP.

More than 10 per cent of battered wives calling the Paris-based association blamed the World Cup, saying their husbands had been angered when their wives called them to table during a match.

If the children were making too much noise or their team lost, violent husbands would attack their wives or their offspring, the association Stop: Aid for Battered Wives said.

"Eight years ago, it was worse, when France was in the series," a spokeswoman said, urging women to "keep a low profile" and men to "drink mineral water."

But in contrast to the French experience, the Israeli association Naamat said the World Cup had cut calls for help by 50 per cent.

Naamat director Ronit Lev Ari said, "apparently, violent husbands are too engrossed in matches to beat their wives."

Naamat receives, 5,000 help calls a year with peaks during holidays.

## Russian booters for MSC Sports Reporter

Two Russian players — Inataev Guerman and Bregvadje Vitali have arrived in the capital yesterday evening to play for Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Inataev Guerman, aged 27, is a striker from a Russian First Division football league side and Bregvadje Vitali who is two years younger plays for the same team as an attacking midfielder.

The two have come along with Andre Kazakov, the survivor of Mohammedan's departed-Russian package who will remain in the Mohammedan camp hoping to improve with time.

Inataev and Bregvadje will join the practice session today and are expected to be fielded in the Federation Cup semifinal against Muktiyoddha on July 21.

## Joko claims Malaysian Open

JOHOR BAHRU, Malaysia, July 11: World champion Joko Suprianto of Indonesia Sunday won the singles crown in the 180,000 dollars Malaysian Open badminton championship by crushing Malaysian arch-rival Rashid Sidek in the final, reports AFP.

Joko, 27, finished 15-3, 15-5 to grab the title which has eluded him for four years and prize money of 14,000 dollars, dousing whatever hopes Rashid had of redeeming his standing in the international arena.

Rashid, who had thrice won the Malaysian Open but had skipped it last year due to an eye problem, had to settle for 8,600 dollars. His last win in the world scene was in December, 1992 when he grabbed the World Grand Prix title.

"This has been my best year in Malaysia," declared Joko who was invincible with his devastating smashes and drop shots.

Rashid, also 27, in contrast played his worst game in the tournament with most of his skills deserting him except for some fine net play which Joko seemed equally good at.

## Kiwis win before rain does

MALAHIDE, Republic of Ireland, July 11: New Zealand's cricket tour ended with a gurgling here on Sunday as heavy rain reduced their farewell match, against Ireland, to a one-day farce, reports AFP.

No play was possible until mid-afternoon and the game was reduced to a meaningless 20-over contest which the Kiwis won by nine wickets.

Batting first, Ireland scored 147 with Kiwi captain Ken Rutherford using seven bowlers, including Test wicketkeeper Adam Parore.

New Zealand's opening pair, Blair Hartland and Parore, made sure victory didn't take long.

They hammered 94 runs off eight overs before Benson was caught behind for 38 while Hartland went on to make an unbeaten 80, including two sixes and nine fours.

New Zealand lost their three-Test series against England 1-0.

## A placid passage so far

DALLAS, July 11: Maybe it's the heat or maybe it's the teams and their fans that weren't there.

For whatever reason, the first US edition of soccer's championship has been one calm World Cup, with authorities saying they have more trouble with crowds at American football and basketball games, reports AP.

Through weekend quarter-final games from Foxboro, Mass., to Dallas, East Rutherford, N.J., and Stamford, Calif., record crowds of more than 3 million people saw World Cup USA '94 action.

The fans came from all over the world, with Brazilians meeting South Koreans and Swedes rubbing elbows with Saudi Arabians.

They cheered. They sang. They paraded through the streets with their bodies painted in the colors of their nations.

For the most part, they did not make trouble.

FIFA reported that authorities in the nine host cities had made about 400 arrests. The vast majority of those were for black-market ticket sales, a crime in most of the United States but a richly rewarding and widely followed — and very legal — tradition in most other parts of the world.

The security organisations congratulated the behaviour of spectators, media representatives, players, coaches and FIFA personnel, said Joseph Blatter, FIFA's general secretary "With far more fans than for other American sports, they said they have faced far less problems with soccer fans. This is a grand thing."

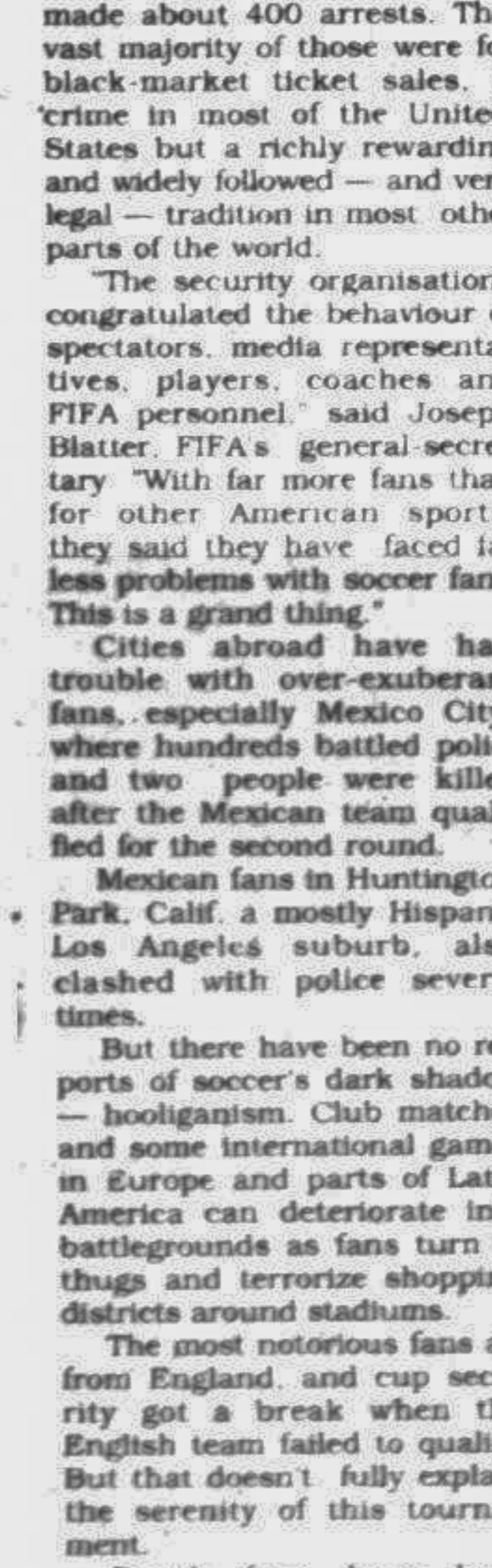
Cities abroad have had trouble with over-exuberant fans, especially Mexico City, where hundreds battled police and two people were killed after the Mexican team qualified for the second round.

Mexican fans in Huntington Park, Calif. a mostly Hispanic Los Angeles suburb, also clashed with police several times.

But there have been no reports of soccer's dark shadow — hooliganism. Club matches and some international games in Europe and parts of Latin America can deteriorate into battlegrounds as fans turn to thugs and terrorise shopping districts around stadiums.

The most notorious fans are from England, and cup security got a break when the English team failed to qualify. But that doesn't fully explain the serenity of this tournament.

Dutch fans have been known to turn to violence as well. They followed the



A Swedish fan shows off his painted face prior to the Sweden vs Romania quarter-final match on July 10. — AFP photo



Brazilian trio Mazinho (L), Bebeto (C) and Romario celebrate by making a cradling motion after Bebeto netted Brazil's second goal against Holland during their World Cup quarter-final match at the Dallas Cotton Bowl Stadium on July 9. Brazil won 3-2. — AFP photo

## Exhibitionist Brazilians

DALLAS, July 11: The Brazilians did it all against the Netherlands. It was textbook soccer and show-time.

Now, if only they could do it at the same time.

The 63,998 fans at the Cotton Bowl on Saturday saw to different Brazilian teams in a 3-2 thriller that sent Brazil to the semifinals and the Dutch team home, reports AP.

The first half was a chess game, a study in tactics and placement. In short, a snooze-fest.

The Brazilians showed discipline in occupying spaces on the field and keeping the vaunted Dutch attack from getting started.

"Brazil played a brilliant first half, perhaps their best soccer of the Cup," said Oldemario Togninho, the dean of Brazilian sportswriters. "At times the Dutch wanted to play the ball back to their goalkeeper but couldn't even do that!"

Of course, Brazil were so busy stopping the Dutch that they didn't get much going on their own offence. Predictably, the half ended 0-0. Yawn.

But if it was Dr Jekyll that went into the locker room, Mr Hyde came out.

Brazil were transformed in the second half: Daring, exciting, aggressive — but also sloppy and porous on defence. They had the game apparently won, almost gave it away, then pulled it out with last-minute heroics.

In the 52nd minute, full-back Aldair picked off a pass and sent Bebeto away deep on the left side. Bebeto then put a perfect cross on the foot of a streaking Romario who knocked it into the right corner.

Four minutes later, Mazinho drew "ooohs" from the crowd with a behind-the-back header to Jorginho, who fed Bebeto on the right. His no-angle

shot ticked off the far post and out.

The message was clear. It was show time.

In the 63rd minute, Bebeto saw Romario upfield but offside, so the solution was a solo run. Bebeto raced in from midfield, hop-faked goalie Ed de Goey and tapped it into the empty net for a 2-0 lead.

Then, with the game apparently on ice, Brazil relaxed. It was almost fatal.

Star striker Dennis Bergkamp began the comeback a minute later. He took a throw-in, deep in Brazilian territory, bumped Jorginho away and curled a shot past goalie Taffarel.

In the 77th minute a corner kick found midfielder Aron Winter all alone in the middle of the goal box, and he headed it in unchallenged from point-blank range.

"We lost our concentration," said Jorginho. "When they scored again, we almost fell apart. We had no order or organization on the field and were just trying to stay calm."

For a moment it seemed to be a replay of the 1982 Cup disaster, when Brazil, leading only a tie against Italy, played to win and were upset by a score of — gulp — 3-2.

Branco didn't let it happen. The veteran defender, filling in for the suspended Leonardo, took a solo run with

10 minutes left and was fouled. He took the free kick himself and sent a rocket that nicked the right post before going in.

So Brazil head for Pasadena and a date with Sweden on Wednesday in the Rose Bowl. But some key questions remain:

Which is the real Brazil — cold and efficient or hot and flamboyant? Can it ever combine the two styles? And if not, which one will take Brazil to the long-awaited fourth World Championship, and the first since 1970?

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira thinks it's the Brazil of the first period.

"We showed tactical equilibrium. We didn't let the Dutch team play," he said. "Their goals happened on lapses by Brazil. I mean, a goal on a throw-in? How often does that happen?"

Parreira bristles at the suggestion that he wants his team to play defensively.

"There has been a great deal of misunderstanding. We have never played and do not intend to play European style," he said.

"We try to achieve balance between offence and defence. Anything else is just a lot of stories."

Not everyone agrees with him. Some of his own players — not to mention the fans — prefer the wide-open Brazil of the second half.

"We finally played the 'show' soccer that you want to see, that we want to see, that the Brazilians people want to see," Romario said. "That was principally because the Dutch team came to play, and that makes things easier for us."

What about that near-catastrophe at the end?

"The team had a lapse in the second half and let Holland get back into the game," he admitted. "But Brazil is Brazil. And the team showed that we're not just Romario and Bebeto."

## Peru beat Brazil

LIMA, July 11: Peru defeated Brazil in their Davis Cup American zone second-round tie and earned a chance to qualify for the World Division when Jaime Yzaga beat Fernando Melighetti in reverse singles on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Yzaga beat Melighetti 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in the first match of the day to clinch the win for Peru, which entered the last day of the three-day tie leading 2-1.

## Owner Wang said that those following the World Cup on television in China included everyone from school children to people in their 80s — including top leader Deng Xiaoping — and young women introduced to the game by their boy friends.

"You see how Chinese like soccer so much, even though our country is not taking part," he said.

China were knocked out in the preliminary rounds by Iraq, who in turn were eliminated in the final Asian qualifying group.

"If China were taking part, we might have an audience of 200-300 million," Wang said. "Unfortunately, our level is poor because of our bad organisation. We only started a professional club league this year."

## Soccer is geography

BEIJING, July 11: In a soaking room with the temperature in the mid-30s, 20 Chinese soccer fans crowded round a television set early on Sunday morning to cheer the Brazilian team to their 3-2 victory over the Dutch, reports Reuter.

This is the "football fanatics' restaurant" in downtown Beijing, where the patrons have not missed a single game in this year's World Cup and intend to see all the rest.

"With China not taking part, we root for Brazil because their technical level is so high and their style is what we in China should adopt," said restaurant owner Wang Hao.

All told, an estimated 100 million Chinese are avidly following the live broadcasts on national television, which is transmitting every World Cup match, most of them in the middle of the night, Beijing time.

"Brazil is the favourite team among Chinese," said Wang. "Next comes Argentina and Germany."

Dripping in sweat and drooping from lack of sleep, the other fanatics were eager to add their opinions.

"Brazil just deserved to beat the Dutch," said Zhang Zhong. "Their level of skill was slightly higher."

Asked how Chinese could root for a country so far and so remote from their own, he replied: "Football knows no borders. It is a common language."

Deputy manager Wang Wen said they were proud of the way South Korea and Saudi Arabia, the two Asian qualifiers, had performed better than had been expected.

"In the 1998 World Cup in France, Asia is getting three places. It should have five. That would encourage the game in this continent and be appropriate to the level of enthusiasm among supporters here," he said.

"I suspect politics may be behind it. Perhaps the Europeans do not want Asia to develop too fast and overtake them as we have done in other spheres," he said.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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17 Ella's style

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20 Verdi

22 Where heroine

24 Meetings are in tents?

26 Strips in the kitchen

29 "Malcolm X" director

30 Gunky stuff

31 "Zounds!"

32 Gridlock component

33 Dull impact sound

34 Erode

35 Durante trademark

36 "I Can't — Satisfaction"

37 Where to find some real swingers

40 MPH, e.g.

41 Junior

45 "— Old Cowhand"

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50 Torture device

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4 Massachusetts resort area

5 "—, I'm Adam"

6 Exploitation

7 He knows what's in store

8 Blunder

9 At large

10 Pirates' milieu

11 Collection

19 It'll get you

21 Dander

23 Student of Socrates

24 It may be a proper subject

25 Erstwhile Mauritian

26 Road Runner's noise

27 "Oh, oh, oh, what —"

28 Waterfall

32 Cautious

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44 Diminutive suffix

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID ONE YOUNG LADY TO ANOTHER, OF BASEBALL OUTFIELDER, "HE'S A GOOD CATCH."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals R

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.