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## Riva expects Brazil to win

LOS ANGELES, July 15: With an epic World Cup final promised, Sunday between Brazil and Italy.

World Cup watchers cannot help comparing the teams to the two who fought it out in the 1970 final, reports AFP.

Luigi Riva, Italian football's greatest ever goalscorer, expects history to repeat itself.

"The Brazilian team in 1970 had better technical players," Riva said. "Nobody could argue with that when you remember they had players like Pele and Jairzinho in their team."

"But today's Brazilian side is very well organised, may be even better organised than in 1970. They are the favourites and they know they are the favourites."

Mario Zagalo, who won the World Cup twice as a player in 1958 and 1962, and was handed the Brazilian coaching job on the eve of the 1970 final, is now an assistant coach.

He has blasted critics back home who complain that Brazil's style this time around is too far from the free-wheeling style of Pele's team.

"That was a once in a lifetime team," he said, adding that a well organised defence was as crucial in today's game as attacking flair.

"Without that, you have no chance," he said.

Riva believes that Italy, who have finished two of their six matches with ten men, will have to score first if they are to have any chance of beating Brazil.

Otherwise, then exhausted state could be crucial as it was in the 1970 final.

"In that match we equalised just before half time and at that moment we really believed we were in with a chance," recalled Riva, who is now 50.

"But just after the break Gerson scored that superb goal and we were completely demoralised. We had played an exhausting semifinal against Germany that went to extra-time and when that goal went in we just evaporated. We had nothing left."

Brazil went on to triumph 4-1 and become the first side to lift the trophy three times.

This Brazil team has suffered under the weight of expectations since well before the Cup began.

Zagalo recalled wryly that the 1970 team had no such problem.

"Before the 1970 World Cup, we were called idiots, no hopes and donkeys," he said. "Now the team is legendary. Maybe the same thing would happen if we won again."

While Zagalo was brought on board as an adviser by coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, Riva, whose astonishing international record of 35 goals in 42 matches earned him the nickname Thunderclap, officially performs the role of team manager to the Italian squad.

But his most significant

contribution is as a counsellor to Roberto Baggio, helping the Italian side's current superstar to cope with the intense pressure of carrying the country's expectations on his back.



**LUIGI RIVA**  
The sight of a weeping Baggio embracing Riva at the end of Wednesday's semifinal win over Bulgaria was one of

the most memorable images of USA '94.

"He has helped me enormously because he is one of the few people who can understand what I have to go through," Baggio said on Wednesday.

And Riva has no doubt that Italy's chances of emulating their 1982 counterparts, who beat Brazil 3-2 on their way to victory in Spain, lie largely at the feet of Baggio, who is struggling to shake off a strained hamstring in time for Sunday's game.

"The turning point for Italy here was Baggio's goal against Nigeria. It not only lifted Baggio, it lifted the whole team to see him coming out of his shell," explained Riva.

Baggio's five goals here have taken his tally for Italy to 24, lifting him to sixth in Italy's all-time list.

At 27, the Juventus forward can reasonably expect to pass Riva before he ends his international career, although by the chances are he will have played twice the number of matches Riva managed before injury brought his career to a premature end.

"Nobody would be more delighted than me if Roberto were to break my record," Riva said. "I just hope he can take a few steps towards it on Sunday."

## Mikkelsen or Lamolina who will be it?

LOS ANGELES, July 15: Peter Mikkelsen of Denmark and Argentina's Francisco Lamolina are favourites to referee Sunday's World Cup final between Brazil and Italy, reports AFP.

"Mikkelsen is the best-placed following the elimination of Sweden," said a FIFA source. The referee will be named on Friday.

The 34-year-old teacher sent off Spain captain Miguel Nadal for a tackle from behind in his first game. He also booked five players in that Spain and South Korea match and five in the Switzerland-Colombia game. He missed Carlos Valderrama elbowing Ciriaci Sorza in the face in an off-the-ball incident which also went unpunished by FIFA.

But in the quarter-final between Holland and Ireland the only yellow card he showed was to Dutch captain Ronald Koeman.

Lamolina, 43, refereed the Italy-Mexico and USA-Switzerland games, booking seven players altogether.

Frenchman Joel Quiniou, who refereed a record-equalling seventh World Cup game in Wednesday's Italy-Bulgaria semi-final and Colombia's Jose Torres Cadena are unlikely to be picked.

Torres had booked 18 players in his three previous games before, sending off Sweden captain Jonas Thern in the semi-final with Brazil.

All Mohamed Buisman of the United Arab Emirates, Neji Louini of Tunisia, Sandor Puhl of Hungary, Rodrigo Badilla Sequeira of Costa Rica and Philip Don of England are the other referees in line for Sunday's final.

One of them will take charge of Saturday's third-place play-off between Bulgaria and Sweden.

Only nine of the original 24 referees were retained from the quarter-final stages.

## Record ratings

PASADENA, Calif., July 15: The United States' 1-0 loss to Brazil in the second round of the World Cup drew a record US television audience for soccer with a 9.3 rating, Nielsen Media Research said Thursday.

The July 4 game was watched by 8,761,000 households, Nielsen said. That topped the 6.8 rating and 6,406,000 households for the Americans' final first-round game, a 1-0 loss to Romania.

Before this World Cup, the record US rating for soccer was a 6.6 for Italy's 3-1 victory over West Germany in the 1982 World Cup final.

ABC television network is averaging a 4.7 rating for 10 telecasts thus far, slightly above the 4.0-4.5 range that US organizer Alan Rothenberg said the network projected. ABC's only remaining telecast is Sunday's final between Brazil and Italy.

Italy's 2-1 victory over Bulgaria got a 2.9 cable rating on ESPN and was watched by 1,833,000 households, Nielsen said. In addition, Univision got a 14.1 rating among its Spanish-speaking universe, which is an additional 919,000 households. The game also was broadcast with Italian commentary on the United States feed of RAI, the Italian network that is available in several American cities.

Brazil's 1-0 victory over Sweden got a 3.9 cable rating on ESPN, a total of 2,465,000 households.

Univision said Brazil's victory got a 21.0 rating in its Spanish-speaking universe, which is 1,369,000 households. The network said Nielsen estimated an additional 250,000-to-350,000 English-speaking homes watched Univision's coverage.

ESPN is averaging a 1.8 cable rating (1,138,000 homes) for its 40 games and a 2.2 cable rating (1.39 million homes) for its live games. The network's final broadcast of this World Cup is Saturday's third-place game between Sweden and Bulgaria.

Univision is averaging a 12.0 rating (782,000 homes) in its Spanish-speaking universe, including an 18.8 rating (1,226,000 homes) for live games.

The rating is the percentage of televisions in the nation, and each point represents 942,000 households for the major networks. Because all homes aren't wired for cable, a ratings point is 632,000 homes for ESPN. A ratings point is 65,200 Spanish-speaking homes for Univision.

## WORLD CUP FINALE IN RETROSPECT

1930 Uruguay 4, Argentina 2  
At Montevideo, Uruguay:

Uruguay took the lead after only 10 minutes of the first final on a goal by Pablo Dorado. Peucelle soon equalised and Guillermo Stabile put Argentina in front, but the home team played marvelously in the second half. Second-half goals from Pedro Cea, Santos Iriarte and Manco Castro clinched the triumph.

1934 Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1, extra time  
At Rome:

A long range shot from winger Laszlo Puc gave the Czechs an early lead, but Raimondo Orsi saved Italy by tying the score with eight minutes remaining. The final went to extra time for the first time, and the Italians got the winner from Schiavio.

1938 Italy 4, Hungary 2  
At Paris:

Italy, who improved as the tournament went on, produced some excellent soccer in a great final to retain their title. Gino Colaussi put Italy ahead, but Titkos tied it almost immediately. Goals from Silvia Piola and Colaussi made it 3-1 and, although George Sarosi reduced the deficit, Piola struck again to clinch the victory.

1950 Uruguay 2, Brazil 1  
At Rio de Janeiro Brazil:

Brazil, who had played superb soccer throughout the tournament, went into the final round-robin match needing only a draw to take the title. But, playing on home soil, they were stunned by their South

American rivals. Friaca put Brazil ahead, but Uruguay responded on goals by Juan Jose Schiaffino and Alcide Giggia to win the trophy 20 years after their first triumph in Montevideo.

1954 West Germany 3, Hungary 2  
At Berne, Switzerland:

West Germany rebounded from an 8-3 opening-round defeat against Hungary to beat the same team in the final. Ferenc Puskas and Zoltan Csibor gave Hungary a 2-0 lead, but the overwhelming favourites then fell victims to overconfidence. Max Morlock and Helmut Rahn pulled the Germans back to 2-2 and Rahn then grabbed the winner with only five minutes remaining.

1958 Brazil 5, Sweden 2  
At Stockholm, Sweden:

Nils Leidholm gave Sweden an early lead on a rain-soaked field, but Brazil, with 17-year-old Pele in outstanding form, hit back in stunning fashion. Vava added a pair of goals to give the Brazilians the halftime lead and two goals from Pele and another one from Zagalo rounded off the victory. Agne Simonsson got a consolation goal for the home nation.

1962 Brazil 3, Czechoslovakia 1  
At Santiago, Chile:

Josef Masopust gave Czechoslovakia an early lead, but the tide soon turned. Amarildo, a replacement for the injured Pele, tied it and further goals from Zito and Vava gave the sparkling Brazilians their second straight world title.

1966 England 4, West Germany 2, extra time

At Wembley, England:

With teams tied 2-2 after goals from Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters for England and Helmut Haller and Wolfgang Weber (in the final minute) for the Germans, extra time was needed for the first time since 1934. Two further goals from Hurst, the only player to score a hat-trick in a final, sealed the issue. But the decisive goal is still a case of controversy; many contend the ball did not cross the goal line.

1970 Brazil 4, Italy 1  
At Mexico City:

Pele, playing in his last major international match, staged a majestic performance and gave Brazil the lead in the 18th minute. Roberto Boninsegna tied it, but further goals from Gerson, Jairzinho and Carlos Alberto lifted the magical Brazilians to victory. They became the first team to win the World Cup three times.

1974 West Germany 2, Netherlands 1  
At Munich, West Germany:

Johan Neeskens gave the Netherlands the lead with an early penalty kick, but Paul Breitner tied it, also with a penalty kick, after 30 minutes.

1978 Argentina 3, Netherlands 1, extra time  
At Buenos Aires, Argentina:

Argentina, cheered on by their own fans, scored a memorable triumph in a violent but often brilliant match. Mario

Kempes put Argentina ahead but substitute Dick Nanninga collected late equalizer. A Dutch shot hit the goalpost in the final minute, but extra time goals from Kempes and Daniel Bertonio sealed Argentina's first World Cup triumph.

1982 Italy 3, West Germany 1  
At Madrid, Spain:

Italy recovered from missing an early penalty kick to outplay West Germany in the second half. Paolo Rossi, Marco Tardelli and Sandro Altobelli scored for the skillful Italians, while Paul Breitner scored West Germany's only goal. It was Italy's third World Cup triumph.

1986 Argentina 3, West Germany 2  
At Mexico City:

Carlos Brown and Jorge Valdano built a 2-0 lead for Argentina but Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Rudi Voeller scored eight minutes apart late in the second half to tie. Diego Maradona's pass set up Jorge Burruchaga's goal with five minutes left in regulation to give Argentina their second Cup in eight years.

1990 West Germany 1, Argentina 0  
At Rome:

In the first ever rematch in a World Cup final, Andreas Brehme scored on a penalty kick with six minutes left after Robert Sensi pulled down Rudi Voeller in the penalty area. Pedro Monzon of Argentina became the first player to get a red card in a final when referee Edgardo Cordales ejected him for a foul midway through the second half. Gustavo Dezotti was ejected for arguing after Brehme's goal.

## WORLD CUP DIARY

LOS ANGELES, July 15 (AFP): Thursday's World Cup diary:

### WEEP ON

Tears are becoming synonymous with World Cup football. After Paul Gascoigne and Diego Maradona's celebrated blubbing at Italia '90, Roberto Baggio provided the waterworks highlight of USA '94 when he collapsed into the arms of Gigi Riva at the end of Wednesday's semifinal win over Bulgaria.

According to coach Arrigo Sacchi, Baggio's emotional display nearly set the entire team off. "I was not surprised he was crying but I asked him to stop because seeing him made me want to cry as well."

### COSTA FORTUNE

The extent of Alessandro Costacurta's heartbreak at being suspended for Sunday's World Cup final was terribly obvious on Thursday. The normally irrepresible Costacurta looked drawn and tired as he answered questions on his predicament.

"I would gladly swap all the championship medals I won with Milan for the chance to play in this one match." The 28-year-old centre back, who was also suspended for Milan's European Cup win over Barcelona, said.

### IT'S CARNIVAL

Football wasn't the only attraction at the Rose Bowl on Wednesday, where one Brazilian fan drew a big crowd with her pre-match samba wearing a costume that seemed to consist of nothing but a few strategically placed feathers.

### CIAO, NEW YORK

Former Italian great Giorgio Chinaglia says it's too bad Italy have to move to the Rose Bowl to play Brazil in the World Cup final, rather than staying on in New York where they beat Bulgaria.

"Giants Stadium is a real soccer stadium, with the people hanging over the field from all levels," he said. "Pasadena is nice, but everything in that stadium is too spread out."

### NAME GAME

Swedish striker Martin Dahlin, son of a Swedish mother and a black Venezuelan father, is named after slain US civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

"My mother gave me his name," said Dahlin, who was born 12 days after King was assassinated.

### DON'T DREAM IT, BE IT

Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi survived a nightmare first round to find himself in a football dream — leading his team into the World Cup final against Brazil.

"I'd be lying if I said I had not dreamt of this final," Sacchi said. "I have great respect for Brazilian soccer. Every time they win it is a triumph not just for Brazil but for the game itself."

He recalled watching Brazil's magnificent World Cup victory in 1970, when he was working in his father's shoes business.

"I had no idea at that time I would be able to make my life in football," he said. "But in the next few years my life turned around completely. Many dreams do not come true, but mine did."

### BARGAIN HUNTERS

A lot of tickets were going begging for Wednesday's World Cup semifinal between Brazil and Sweden at the Rose Bowl.

Brothers Kieran, Justin and Dominic Walsh bargained with several different touts before buying three 90-dollar tickets for 50 dollars apiece.

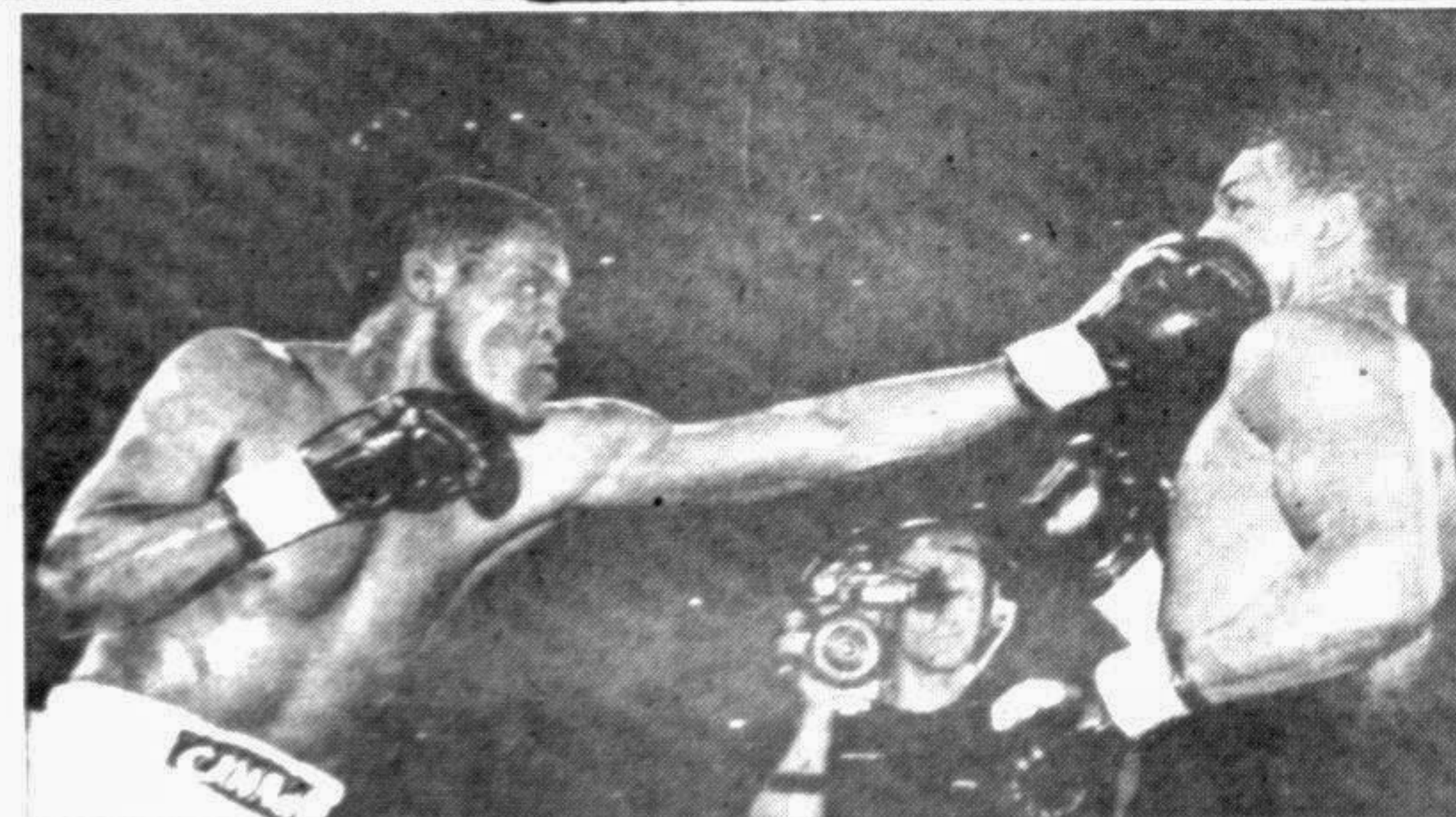
"We've been here about an hour and the price is going down all the time," said Kieran. "We've been going around to games since Ireland went out. We've always paid less than face value."

## Bulgarian crime down during WC

SOFIA, July 15: The Bulgarian soccer team's performance at the World Cup helped to considerably reduce crime last month, a police official said today, reports Reuter.

"Our statistics show murders reduced by a half, while rapes and car thefts (while down) by a third in June, when the Cup started, compared to the same period last year," Colonel Georgi Dilkov, head of information, told reporters.

He dismissed media suggestions that criminals had been too busy watching television.



American Adolpho Washington (R) is rocked by Frenchman Anacleto Wamba's left to the chin during their super-lightweight bout at Monaco on July 14 for the World Boxing Council (WBC) crown. Wamba retained the crown on points. — AFP photo

## Press box: A clash of culture

PASADENA, Calif., July 15: There they were. Two accredited journalists from Saudi Arabia standing and applauding their national team's victory over Belgium.

American journalists in the press box gave them a disapproving look, reports AP.

A few days later, two American reporters are sitting in the auxiliary press section at Glendale Stadium for the second-round game between Mexico and Bulgaria. They're reading the newspaper, paying little attention to the field, as the game winds its way through the first half. Mexican journalists sitting behind them appear insulted.

The World Cup has given the United States an insight to the game of international soccer. And while the American public and fans from the rest of the world seem to have mixed well, the press box has been a bit of a culture clash.

From the openly applauding Bulgarians in the press, to the seemingly endless streams of statistics that non-Americans find silly and useless, the two sides at times have given each other the eyeball.

"Certainly, a number of American journalists came to sneer," said Brian Glanville, a writer for the English tabloid The People and a columnist for World Soccer magazine.

The foreign journalists groaned at jabs from American media about "22 foreigners in funny shorts."

"But the sneering stopped after the games started," said Peter Boyle of the Times of London.

The mocking critiques of soccer by American journalists were not totally unexpected by those reporters who cover "real football," for a living.

"You can write a much better knocking piece than you can a thoughtful, positive one," observed Keir Radedge, also a columnist for World Soccer.

Complaints from the international journalists seemed to focus on a perceived lack of homework by their American counterparts and a reliance on official statistics.

Glanville, covering his 10th World Cup, noted one American commentator pronounced Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo's last name as SKEE-foh, an insulting term in Italian, instead of the

proper SHEE-foh.

At venue media centers, the foreign-dominated press chose to watch the international television feed, which carried only natural sound, instead of the US coverage with American commentary.

But also incredulous to the foreign journalists was the volume of information provided by the World Cup organizers.

"The piles and sheets of information and the most worthless statistics," Glanville said. "I guess it's the Germanic streak in American journalism."

The statistics ranged from goals, corner kicks and red and yellow cards to individual fouls, shots inside and outside the penalty area and shots with which foot.

"It is certainly a very different way of treating sport," Radedge said. "American print media are concerned more with the business of the World Cup and explaining the sport. Non-North American media come at a soccer game with more emotion and heart than the head."

The emotional part seems to have annoyed the American sports writers the most.

In American sports journalism, it is considered unprofessional for working journalists to wear the colours of a competing team and a sin to cheer in the press box.

While Glanville said he and most of his counterparts also condemn such practices, they see it more often in the international arena.

It may be one reason the foreign press corps was less shocked when Bulgarian journalists jumped to their feet and began wildly applauding goals by Hristo Stoitchev and Jordan Letchkov against Germany in the quarterfinals.

"It goes beyond sports," New York Times columnist George Vecsey said. "It's real easy to make jokes about the Romanian sports writer's cheering in the press box after beating the United States because now they can stay here for an extra week and don't have to go home to Bucharest. It's snotty on our part, but partly true."

"The cultures are different," Washington Post columnist Tony Kornheiser said. "It's easy in America to look down your nose at something like that."

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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10 "What a shame!"

11 Lean and sinewy

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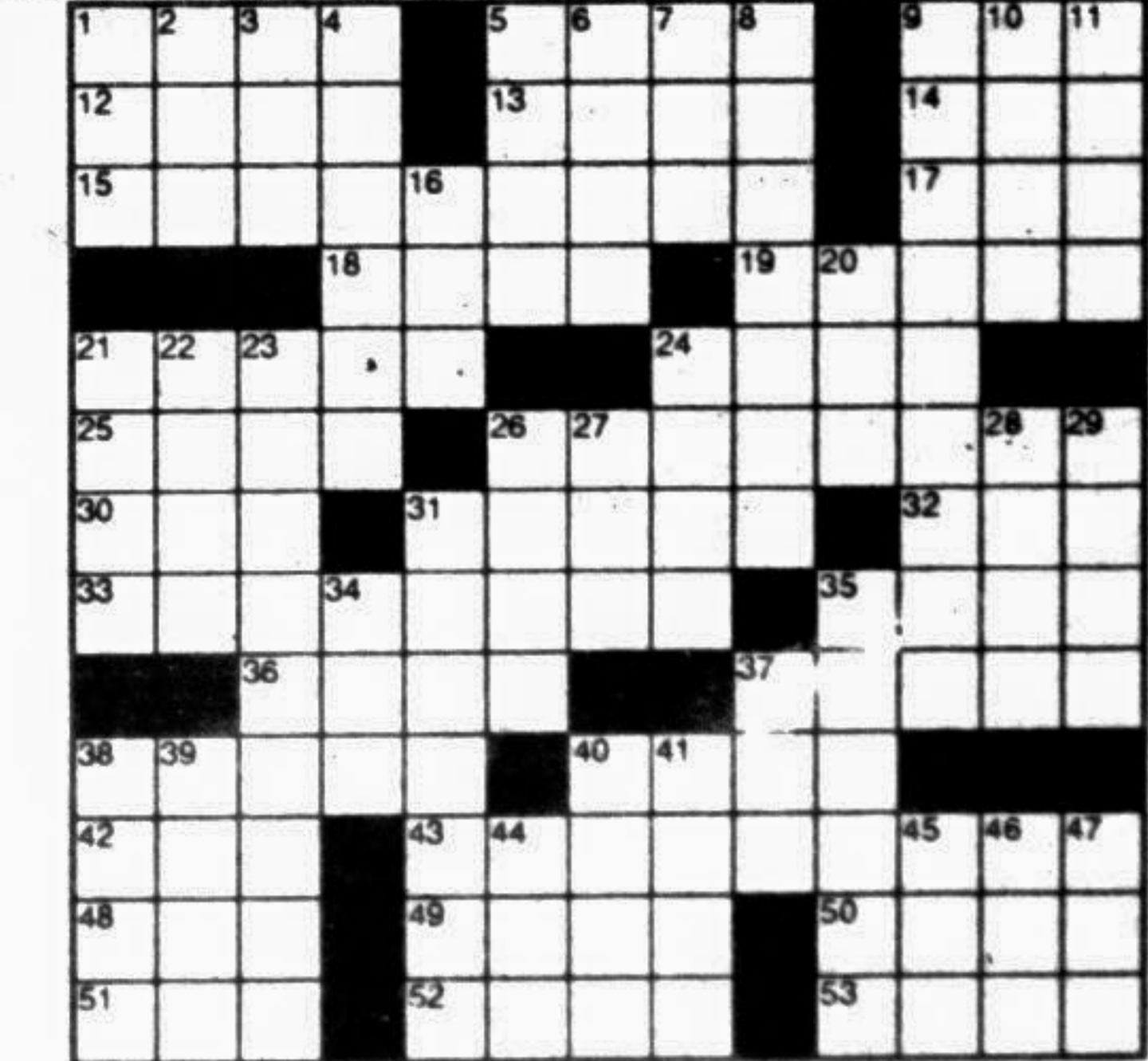
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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 The Cryptiquip 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.