Sports Reporter East End Club came from behind to notch their first win in the Lifebuoy First Division football league defeating Public Works Department (PWD) SC by the odd goal in three at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Striker Shaurav Mujumder struck both the goals for East End, who had three Nepalese booters in their ranks.

However, it was PWD, relegated to the First Division this year, who drew the first blood in the 16th minute with their striker Bulbul stabbing the ball home from an Arif cross.

Bulbul, however, spoiled an easy sitter in the 32nd minute when he shot straight to the East End custodian Mohsin with all the time in the world.

On the other hand East End were rather fortunate for their equalizer in the 41st minute when a faulty clearance by PWD defender Dulal enabled a lurking Shaurav to slot the ball home.

Six minutes into the second half Shaurav scored with purpose when he fired the opponents' net from close after a Raju Shakya flag-kick came by his way via a Deepak back header.

The win now leaves East End with five points from three league engagements while Eskaton remained stuck to their paltry collection of one on completion of three matches.

Deepak of East End and Bulbul of PWD were cautioned with yellow

East End Club: Mohsin, Imon, Raju Shakya, Manik, Deepak Amatya (Chisti), Umesh Prodhan, Maran, Ujjal, Liton Khan (Khoka), Shaurav Majumder and Mahmudul Hug Liton.

RWD SC: Humayun, Porimal, Sabbu (Shabbir), Dulal, Babu, Salam (Shuvra), Biplob, Halim, Mostaq, Ainal and Bulbul. Referee: Nazir Hos-

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Premier Division foot-

Rahmatganj MFS vs Farashganj SC (4:30 pm, Dhaka Stadium).

Victoria SC vs Shantinagar Club (5:00 pm, Mirpur Stadium). luktijoddha Sangshad vs Agrani

Bank SC (6:30 pm, Dhaka Stadium). Pioneer football league West Zone, "Ka" Group, Rajuk

Rainbow AC vs Kendryo Kishore Kafela (2:30 pm)

KR Boys SC vs Azimpur Kishore Sangha (4:00 pm). West Zone, "Kha" Group, Dhan-

mondi Club ground Golam Mostofa Lane Kishore Sangha vs Kalindi KC (4:00 pm)

**NBL First Division volleyball** league (Stadium courts) Titas Club ys Brothers Union

Bidyut Unnayan Board vs East

End Boys (4:00 pm) Dhaka Shabuj vs East End Club

(5:30 pm) Bangladesh Police AC vs

Bangladesh Bank Club (7:00 pm) **NBL Second Division volleyball** league (Stadium court)

Partners Club vs Nabajatak Mailish (5:30 pm).

### NBL v'ball results

Sports Reporter Champions Titas Club took only 39 minutes to humiliate Dhaka Shobuj Club 15-1, 15-1, 15-7 in Monday's first match of the NBL First Division volleyball league at the stadium

Other matches lasted double the time as Chand Textiles beat East End Club 15-7, 15-12, 15-4, Bangladesh Police AC overcame Wari Club 15-8, 15-10, 15-12, Brothers Union had the better of Bastrakal Sangstha 15-3, 15-8, 15-6; Pani Unnayan Board evicted Bangladesh Bank Club 15-13, 15-8, 15-3 and Sonali Bank Club made small fry of Azad S-C 15-6, 15-5 and 15-11.

### Graham faces the music

LONDON, July 10: Former Arsenal manager George Graham will seek to clear his name and put his managerial career back on track when he faces an **English Football Association (FA)** commission today on misconduct charges over alleged illegal transfer payments, reports Reuter.

Both Graham and the three-man commission will be armed with top lawyers for a hearing scheduled to last three days but which may not produce an immediate verdict.

Graham was sacked in February after allegations that he received 425,500 pounds (680,000 dollars) from Norwegian agent Rune Hauge following the transfers to Arsenal of Hauge's compatriot Pal Lydersen and Danish international John Jensen.

### Edmundo too greedy with the ball

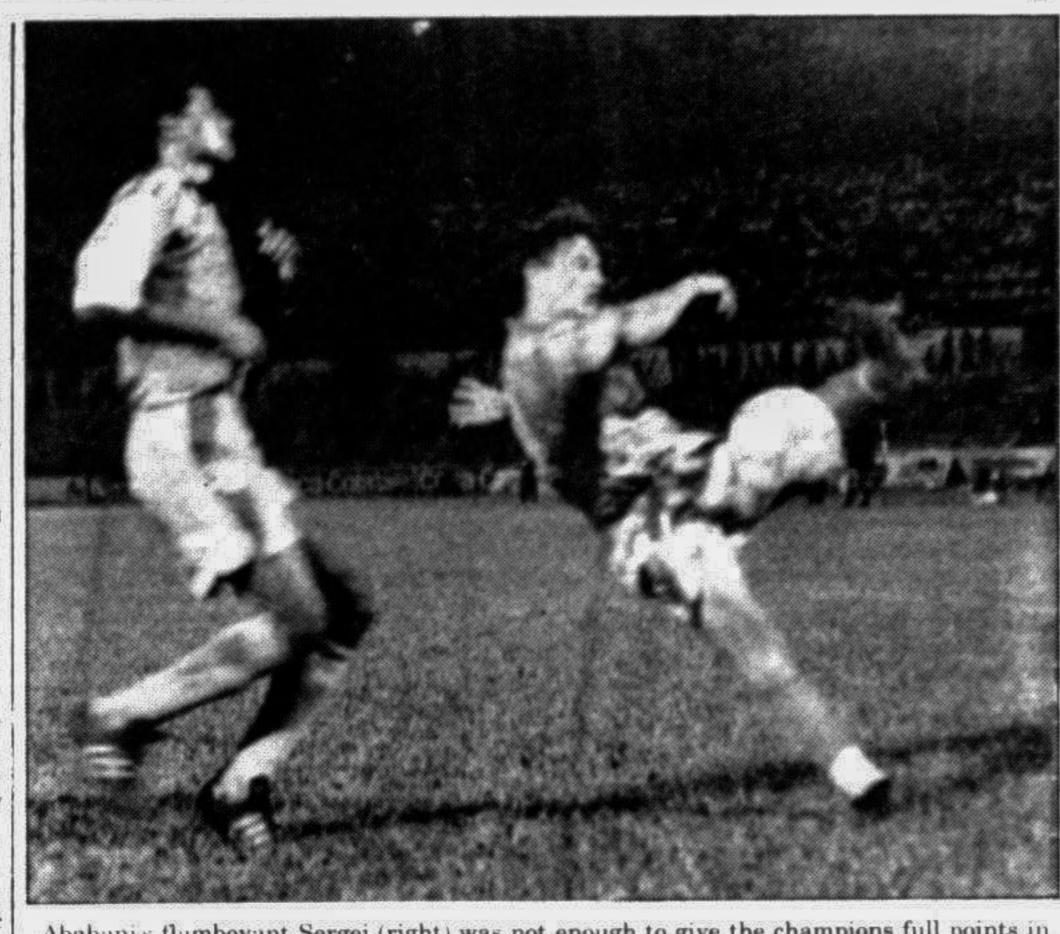
KIVERA, Uruguay, July 10: Brazil striker Edmundo, nicknamed "the animal," has been reprimanded for being too greedy with the ball, sources close to the team said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Edmundo wasted several chances during Friday's 1-0 win over Ecuador by trying to beat an opponent himself instead of passing to a betterplaced teammate.

He also missed a penalty and spent much of the second half moanby not passing him the ball.

"Football is a team game," said

coach Mario Zagalo in a direct reference to Edmundo, who recently joined Flamengo from Palmeiras in a 5 million dollars deal.



Abahani's flamboyant Sergei (right) was not enough to give the champions full points in vesterday's Lifebuoy Premier football league match at the Dhaka Stadium. - Star photo

# Abahani falter early

Sports Reporter



Youngmen's Fakirerpool Club cont inued their giantslaying crusade when they held defending

champions Abahani Krira Chakra to a goalless draw in the lone Lifebuov Premier Division football league match at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

It was Fakirerpool's second successive draw against the big guns of Dhaka football. They had earlier held last year's runners-up Muktijoddha Sangsad to a one-all draw in their previous match.

The day's second match, scheduled for a 6.30 pm kick off, made a delayed start due to a mix-up of shorts with both sides sporting similar colour. One wonders whether league officials suffered from colourblindness at the mangers' meeting in the morning. Or, was there no meet-

It took 45 minutes to solve the problem with Abahani swaggering on the ground with their sky-blue hues while the Fakirerpool outfit sported

The first half was a nightmare for the defending champions, who virtually danced to the Fakirerpool tune.

The Motificel outfit was at their best in the enterprising first session displaying a superb brand of soccer. They took control of the ball most of the time and travelled with the ball at

they were deprived of a lead. On the other hand Abahani, who lost two valuable points on the evening, despite being at the receiving end, got two golden scoring chances from counter attacks.

their will. But due to poor finishing

In the 15th minute Abahani's defender turned striker Monem Munna hammered a blistering shot from about 30-yards which was brilliantly tipped over the bar by the Fakirerpool custodian Bijon Barua.

Fourteen minutes later, Jamal cracked a right footer against the woodwork from close much to the dismay of his teammates.

In the second half Fakirerpool seemed to have run out of gas due to overwork in the first 45 minute and were compelled to adopt defensive play. This allowed Abahani to come up with more motivation and constantly pressurise for the breakthrough with a wave of attacks. But, Jamal once again deprived the Dhanmondi outfit of a lead when he fum-

bled on the goal line after a Sergei left flank cross came by his way in the 5-th minute.

Abahani in a bid to break the stalemate made three changes in the second half.

Abahani's Jahangir, who came as a substitute for lqbal, headed the ball straight to Barua in the 76th minute. Abahani's misery was compounded in the 83rd minute when Sergei's pile drive was thwarted by Barua, who stood firmly under the bar against the opponents' sorties.

The champions hope of a victory evaporated when another scorching drive by Sergei at the stroke of the final whistle kissed the bar. Or, was it a kiss for the Youngmen's?

Yellow cards: Sergei (Abahani

#### TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Ali Mansur, Sohel Reza, Partha, Igbal (Swapan), Munna, Vladimir, Sergei, Jamal (Jahangir) and Biplob (Aslam). YOUNGMEN'S CLUB FAKIR ERPOOL: Bijon, Gobinda, Masum, Ibrahim, Montu, Rana, Shariful, Askar

Khan (Manwar Hossain), Asif (Arif Mamun) and Jalahuddin (Kanchan). Referee: Mozaffar Hossain.

## Uruguay book quarters berth

# Enzo paralyses Paraguay



10: Enzo Francescoli masterminded Uruguay's passage to the Copa America quarterfinals following a 1-0

win over clueless Paraguay here on unday, report agencies. Though a mainly dour match, it

was sprinkled with touches of class including the goal by the former South American footballer-of-theyear in the 14th minute. Uruguay, playing on a poorly pre-

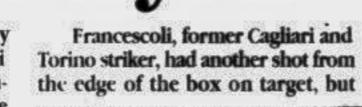
skilful play and 33-year-old striker, Francescoli converted the best of He started the eventual scoring

pared pitch, still managed to show

move from the centre-circle, passing to AS Roma's Daniel Fonseca. Fonseca took the ball down the

left before floating the ball into the area. Francescoli took the ball on his chest with back to goal, twisted and shot first time just inside the righthand post.

Paraguay lacked a visible game plan as twice World Cup winners Uruguay controlled the match during the first half. But both sides had problems keeping their footing on a badly turfed pitch marked by huge

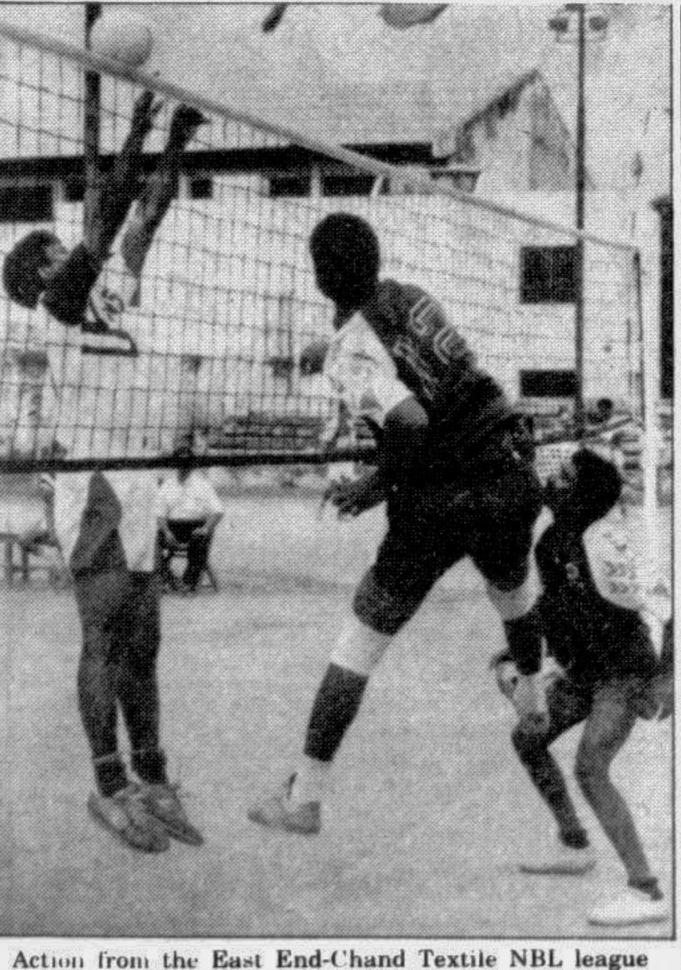




ENZO FRANCESCOLI Paraguay keeper Ruben Diaz got his

Uruguay brought on inter Milan's

fingertips to it and put it round the



match at the Stadium Court yesterday. - Star photo

Ruben Sosa at half-time to give extra

punch up front. But Uruguay hardly needed it as they continued their first half domination.

Fonseca nearly scored midway through the second period, but his left-foot volley hit first time was smothered by keeper Diaz. Minutes later coach Hector

Nunez and home supporters had a scare as Francescoli turned his ankle and was stretchered off the pitch. While Francescoli was still having treatment, Sergio Martinez, a leading

scorer in the Argentine League, came on as a substitute for Fonseca. Paraguay took advantage of the shake-up in Uruguay's ranks to force their best chance of the match. Carlos

Gamarra's looping header hit the crossbar with the keeper well beaten. Francescoli returned for a few moments, but, with his ankle still bothering him, was replaced by

Marcelo Saralegui for a scrappy last 20 Nunez had urged home fans to be patient in the early matches, but his caution proved unnecessary as they

now top Group A with the maximum six points from two games. Uruguay beat Venezuela 4-1 in their opening match on Wednesday on their way to a possible 11th Copa

America title. Paraguay, who beat Mexico 2-1 in their first match, are also set to qualify. Meanwhile, hapless Venezuela, a team with only one win this decade, had two players sent off and con-

to Mexico. Not even a bizarre own goal by Mexico's flamboyant goalkeeper Jorge Campos could save the Venezuelans, who come from a country where soccer is a poor second to baseball in popularity, from yet another defeat.

ceded two penalties as they lost 3-1

A Venezuelan attack appeared to have been cleared in the 68th minute but the ball rebounded off Mexico's Claudio Suarez and flew across the face of the goal. Campos attempted to clear it

but instead accidentally pushed it into his own net during the first round The goal put Venezuela back into the game after Mexico had gone 2-0

ahead, the goals both coming from

penalties converted by striker Luis Garcia in the 41st and 58th minutes. Venezuela, beaten 4-1 by Uruguay in their first game, created several chances to equalise but their finishing and final passes let them down badly.

Midfielder Misael Espinosa made them pay when he wrapped up the game for Mexico in the 78th minute, springing the offside trap, rounding goalkeeper Gilberto Angelucci and scoring comfortably. Venezuela defender Marcos

Mathias had been dismissed shortly

before for a second bookable of-

### Gunners grab Platt

GENOA, July 10: England captain Davic Platt, wearing an Arsenal shirt for the first time, said today he had joined the English Premier League club from Sampdoria on a four-year contract, reports Reuter.

Platt, who appeared at a news conference in the north-western port city wearing the number seven shirt, said he had signed for the north London club on Sunday.

No financial details of the transfer were given at the news conference but Platt's agent Tony Stephens said in London that it was worth 4.75 million pounds (7.58 million dollars).

Italian club sources put the entire

deal, including money paid to Samp

doria, at 7.5 million pounds (12 million dollars). Arsenal's new manager Bruce Rioch, who attended the conference with club owner David Dein and Sampdoria president Enrico Mantovani, cut short a holiday in Portugal to rush to Italy and sign the 29-year-old mid-

Platt, who was on holiday in the sardinian resort of Cala di Volpe, met Rioch and Dein there on Saturday

The player will link up with Rioch's other big signing from Italy, Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp who signed for 7.5 million pounds (11.95 million dollars) from Internazionale three weeks ago.

The England captain had been considering a new two-year offer to stay at Sampdoria while a number of top English clubs including champions Blackburn Rovers hovered in expectation.

Manchester United, who in 1984 told the young Platt he had failed to make the grade and let him go on a free transfer while he was apprenticed to them, were also interested.

Italian newspapers have reported that Sampdoria, who sold Dutch star Rudd Gullit to London club Chelsea last month, need the money from Platt's transfer to sign 19-year-old Ajax Amsterdam midfielder Clarence Seedorf.

Platt, who began his Italian career when he moved to Bari from Aston Villa in 1991 before moving on to Juventus and then Sampdoria, jumped at Arsenal's offer when Rioch made it clear how much he was wanted at Highbury.

Platt, who did not hide the fact that he would have been happy to stay with his friends at Sampdoria, said: "Everything has happened far more quickly than I had anticipated. mainly because Arsenal made it clear that they really wanted me.

"My talks with Bruce Rioch were exceptional. We hit it off straight away. He is a great communicator with some exciting ideas on tactics and a definite view on how he sees me fitting into his plans."

### Niger withdraw from African Nations' Cup

NIAMEY, July 10: Niger pulled out of the African Nations' Cup today, citing a dispute with the Confederation of African Football over the choice of referee and Linesmen for their next match, reports Reuter.

A statement from the provisional football management committee in Niger said the decision had been made in consultation with the Sports Ministry. It suggested the choice of referee

and linesmen could lead to crowd trouble and accused the confederation of refusing to take its concerns seriously. It did not elabo-Niger are languishing at the bot-

tom of Group Three behind Ghana and Sierra Leone and have no chance of qualifying for the finals in South Africa next year. They were due to play Congo at Hoen on July 15.

The government set up the management committee four months ago to revitalise soccer in Niger after scrapping the national federation which was plagued by internal crisis.

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#### Sports Reporter Bangladesh but with Astro 90 manufacturers going out of business, there was no option of going for the popular brand. The Megaturf PF is nevertheless guaranteed for seven years. The BHF is going to procure vacuum

Hockey: The dead shall arise

face at par with world-wide standard, added Bari. The surface will enable the BHF to organise top-level tournaments. The federation has already intimated to the world body their desire to host the junior (under-21) World Cup qualifying round Asian Zone earmarked for 1997, disclosed Bari.

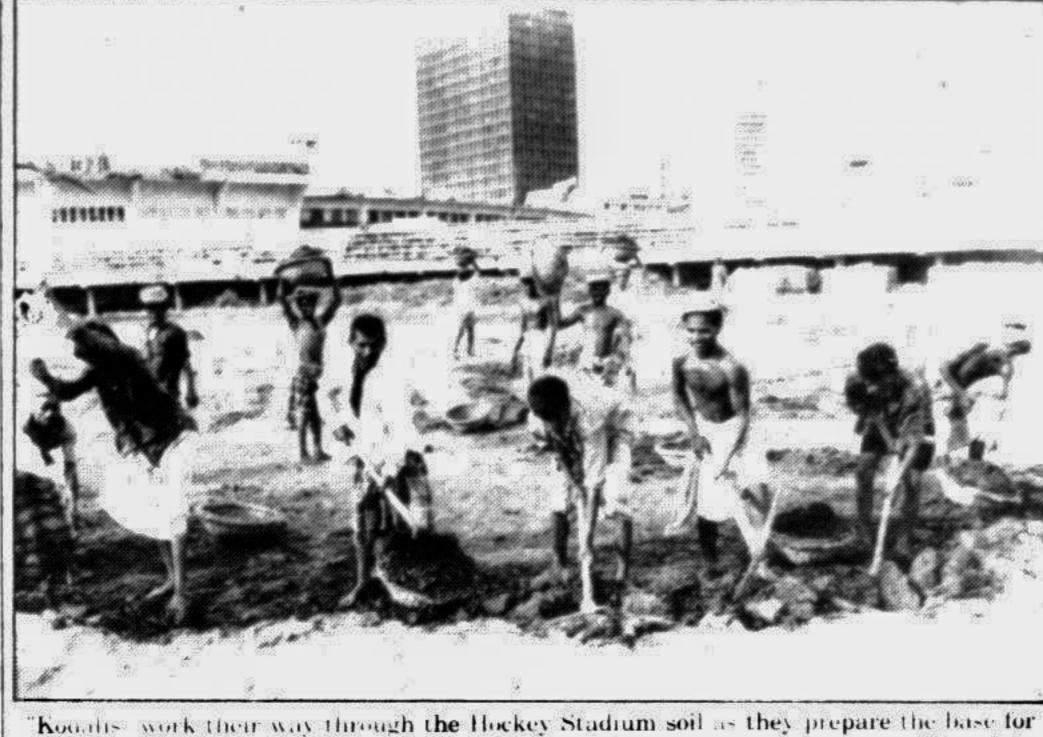
cleaners, watering and marking

equipment, etc to maintain the sur-

Replying to a question, the BHF GS heartily announced that in preparation for the SAF Games, the Bangladesh squad will not only participate in the Surjit Singh memorial tournament at Jullunder, India from November 5, but will also have a go at the Nehru Cup in Delhi on their way home. The Jullunder tournament is in memory of the Indian skipper who died in a tragic car accident in 1984 The Madras meet bullies off on December 20 but rumours are rife that

First Floor will be let out to shops as has been the norm in all the stadium of the city, including the Ground Floor of the Hockey Stadium Instead, the upper floor will house Players' Hostel, Federation Offices and other utilities associated with the game. Elaborating what appears to be the new and welcome policy of the National Sports Council, Bari added that the space vacated by COSCOR shop on the Ground Floor is not being rented any further. There are offers of Tk 20-25 lakh from commercial entrepreneurs for the space. Instead, the space will be used to make room for a VIP Lounge and entry. The modernisation, extension and renovation works include setting up of Players Room, Rest Rooms for Judges, Umpires and other Technical officials on the Ground Floor.

From the looks of it and the vivacity of the federation General Secretary, it appears that a lot of effort if being put into hockey, a sport in which Bangladesh displayed a flicker of the subcontinental flair at the last Asian Games. From the burial grounds of previous tournaments, the



the artificial surface to be laid by year end.

training in preparation for the yearend Madras SAF Games, are of the Astro 90 brand. The Megaturf PF is not a tested material in alternating hot-humid and dry conditions as in

The artificial surface for the

National Hockey Stadium may be

laid out ahead of schedule.

Excavation work to install the

German origin Megaturf PF topping

manufactured by Polytan is presently

going in full swing giving the ground a

rather grave (ignore the pun) look.

Scheduled to be handed over in

February next year, the Bangladesh

Hockey Federation is hopeful of get-

ting the international standard play-

ing surface delivered by the end of

this year at a cost of Tk 3.25 crore

Talking to this reporter, Shamsul

Bari, the BHF General Secretary, dis-

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maintaining the Megaturf and that no

local club shall be burdened finan-

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GS added.

squad is currently undergoing rigorous it may by shifted to January 1996. Besides the laying of the Megaturf, the Hockey Stadium is undergoing vertical expansion. However, Shamsul Bari categorically stated that no space on the extended display of mettle by our boys in the Hiroshima Asiad have raised high hopes. Perhaps the trench now evident at the Hockey Stadium is the ground from where the dead shall arise.

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Flamengo, one of Brazil's most

With the hiring of Luxemburgo,

Romario scored 26 goals to finish

But two weeks ago, arch-rivals

Romario reacted by saying he

And also felt that he should not

be required to stay with the team at

back to Brazil.

— Star photo

### The same old Romario summer after the World Cup, a situa-



RIO DE JANEIRO, July 10 (AP): He returned to Brazil as a national hero. His feather-like touches and dramatic goals

made Brazil a four-time World Cup champion and made Romario the FIFA player-of-the-year. That was last year.

Rio club Flamengo spent nearly five million dollars to get the mercurial 29-year-old striker from FC Barcelona on a loan free earlier this year, and now they are wondering if the cost will be even higher -the kind you can't put on a ledger sheet.

Romario has told club manage ment he will continue playing only if he doesn't have to follow all the rules during pre-season training camp. He also wants a new coaching staff.

Manager Vanderlei Luxemburgo, who won the last two Brazilian na tional titles with Palmeiras of Sao Paulo, has grown tired of Romario giving the Flamengo front office an ultimatum: either him or me.

The final decision belongs to Flamengo president Kleber Leite, who has said he will choose by Monday.

Rio's Jornal Dos Sports Sunday ran a headline that said Luxemburgo could be fired, since there was too

much money tied up in Romario. With the national championship less than a month away, Leite is hoping to get both parties to compro-

None of the problems with Romario should have come as a surprise to Flamengo. Barcelona manager Johan Cruyff

was constantly irked by Romario's prima dona attitudes and said he wasn't worth the trouble. Despite angering Cruyff and club

management, Romario returned late to Barcelona's training camp last

### Italian spikers win world title

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 10: Italy defeated Brazil 3-1 in the final match of the World Volleyball League to win the 1995 championship on Sunday, reports AP. The Italian team withstood a

Brazilian comeback in the fourth and final set, disappointing the 20,000 fans crowded into the Maracanazinho Stadium. Cuba defeated Russia 3-2 in the preliminary match to take the third

conditions for him to not retire. He requested training limited to the goal area, feeling he should be excused from endurance work like run-

them from the Brazil Cup.

training camp, an obvious interference with his personal life. On the eve of the Fluminense game. Romario was seen in his car with his girlfriend romancing in front

of the team's hotel.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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TO PITCH THE TENT?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals C 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.