

**SPORTS LETTERS**  
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**Gunners go atop**

LONDON, Apr 19 (AFP/Internet): Arsenal knocked Manchester United off the top of the English Premiership for the first time since October here on Saturday with an emphatic 5-0 win against Wimbledon.

United could only draw 1-1 against Newcastle at Old Trafford, leaving them a point behind the Gunners, who still have two games in hand.

In relegation battle, Tottenham drew 1-1 at Barnsley to ease their fears of the drop and bottom club Crystal Palace won their first home game of the season 3-1 at Selhurst Park against Derby.

Everton, just two places above the relegation zone at the start of the day, drew 1-1 at home to Leicester but are still not out of danger.

John Hartson, playing his final game of the season for Europe-chasing West Ham because of suspension, gave them hope of qualifying for Europe with two goals inside half an hour.

Leeds had a 3-2 win at Bolton.

Inform Aston Villa, who have now won their last five matches and are hoping to qualify for Europe, beat Southampton 2-1.

Bottom club Crystal Palace, almost certain to be relegated, won their first home game of the season 3-1 against Derby.



Action from the top of the table clashes of the English Premier league on April 18 — (L) Manchester United's Andy Cole desperate to get to the ball before Newcastle United's custodian Shay Given could scramble to it at Old Trafford during their 1-1 tie while (R) Arsenal's Dutch winger Marc Overmars (No 11) tries to outfox a Wimbledon defender in the Gunners' 5-0 drubbing of the minnows at Highbury. — AP/UNB photo

**Barca lift Spanish crown**

BARCELONA, Apr 19: Barcelona clinched their 15th Spanish championship on Saturday thanks to a late headed goal from Brazilian midfielder Giovanni in a somewhat fortunate 1-0 victory over Real Zaragoza, reports Reuters.

Barcelona had needed just a draw, but for much of the game were forced to play second fiddle to the visitors, who wasted a series of chances.

Giovanni headed the winner in the 77th minute from a cross by Albert Celades after Zaragoza failed to clear the ball at a corner.

Giovanni had a chance to score a second just before full time when he crashed a shot against the bar.

The final minutes were the only time in the game that Barcelona looked remotely comfortable.

The nervousness meant that Barcelona did not have a good chance until the 19th minute, when Luis Enrique shot wide after being left unmarked on the edge of the area.

Barcelona's best chance before the break came on the half

hour when a long-range shot from Ravello clipped a defender and ballooned over the bar after leaving goalkeeper Juanni stranded.

Zaragoza's Toro Acuna gave Barcelona some nasty moments at the end of the first half. In his most dangerous attack, the Argentine midfielder found space down the left, and Roger Garcia nearly put the ball in his own net when he cut out the cross.

Zaragoza came out far the stronger of the two sides after the break, with several chances for Acuna, and another for Marcos Vales.

The visitor's best opportunity came in the 76th minute after Luis Enrique Martinez gave away the ball in midfield.

Jamelli shot just wide after a well-worked move, but Barcelona's reply was immediate.

Celades picked up a loose ball on the left side of the area, weighted his cross perfectly to find Giovanni at the far post, and the Brazilian headed just beyond Juanni's reach.

The goal let players and fans breathe more easily. Both Rivaldo and Dragan Ciric went close for Barcelona, before Giovanni hit the bar.

**Koreans held again**

MACEDONIA, Apr 19: World Cup-bound South Korea and non-qualifiers Macedonia drew 2-2 in an exhibition game Saturday, reports AP.

Before more than 7,000 spectators, Jan Hyung-seok opened the score in the 24th minute after an excellent pass in the 16-metre area from Kim Do-keun.

Macedonia's first equaliser came in the second half, when Djordji Hristov scored in the 55th minute. Choi Yong-soo gave the visitors another lead in the 85th minute, but Igor Djuzelov evened in the 88th.

South Korea, who play the Netherlands, Belgium and Mexico in Group E in the preliminary round of this summer's World Cup in France, are on a European tour. They had a disappointing 0-0 draw against non-qualifiers Slovakia.

South Korea's next match is against Chile in Seoul on Wednesday.

**4-nation hockey**

**Colorado Cup Australia's**

MELBOURNE, Apr 19: Riding on Baeden Choppy's four hits to the board including a hat-trick, Australia thrashed the Latin American powerhouse Argentina 6-0 to lift the four-nation Colorado Cup hockey tournament here today, reports PTL.

Australia, who entered the final without losing a match — winning five and drawing one — dominated the entire proceedings as they made short work of Argentina.

The Latin Americans, who surprised Australia in the Melbourne league match on April 16 by holding the hosts and the tournament favourites to 4-4 draw, were a different side today. Australian news agency AAP reported.

Choppy opened the account for Australia in the 7th minute and Stephen Davies increased the lead in the 11th.

Choppy then struck a hat-trick (13th, 33rd, 43rd mins) to increase Argentina's agony and Michael Brennan completed Aussie domination with 46th minute sixth goal.

**Dubai WC horse race goes to Silver Charm**

The fantastic photo-finish of the recent Emirates-sponsored Dubai World Cup horse race has ensured that world interest in next year's event will be greater than ever, says a press release.

An estimated crowd of 10,000 at Dubai's Nadd Al Shiba race track, plus a worldwide television audience of 200 million, saw the USA favourite Silver Charm beat the Irish horse Swain by the narrowest of margins.

At the end of the race Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai presented the magnificent trophy to the winning owners, Robert Lewis and his wife Beverly.

Emirates as sole title race sponsor entertained guests in the airline's hospitality unit and laid on a special facility for them — their won racing commentator for the night. Christopher Poole was racing commentator with the BBC for many years and is the author of several books on racing.

**A two-horse race in France**

PARIS, Apr 19: Lens and Metz officially qualified for next season's Champions' League after their last potential rivals in the French First Division both lost on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Marseille were beaten 2-1 by Auxerre and now lie seven points behind second-placed Metz with only two rounds left in the league.

Last year's champions Monaco were the only other team with a slim mathematical chance of making it into Europe's showcase competition next season.

But the team from the principality, exhausted after their Champions' League semifinal farewell against Juventus on Wednesday, lost their last hopes with a disappointing 1-0 loss at home to Toulouse.

Leaders Lens won in Cannes 2-0 on Friday to keep their two-point edge over Metz, who beat Nantes 3-2.

**Susanthika satisfied**

COLOMBO, Apr 19: Sri Lanka's banned sprinter and Asia's fastest woman, Susanthika Jayasinghe, came out of a disciplinary hearing today confident she would clear her name and take part in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, reports AFP.

Jayasinghe, 20, said she was hopeful the five-member panel ordered by the world governing body of the sport, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), would clear her.

Today's first session of the hearing lasted three and a half hours and it was adjourned for another date to be determined by Jayasinghe's lawyers, three of whom were present at the inquiry conducted behind closed doors.

"I am very happy with the way the panel is conducting the hearing," Jayasinghe said.

**SIX NO TRUMPS**

**A K Sayeedul Huq**  
**ZAGLU BID SEVEN 1 (Hand # 18)**

<b>North</b>	• S : AX	• H : AKXX	• D : K	• C : J10987X
<b>West</b>	• S : KXXXX	• H : J10XX	• D : Q9XX	• C :
<b>East</b>	• S : QJ	• H : 97	• D : 10XXXX	• C : QXX
<b>South (D)</b>	• S : 108XX	• H : QXX	• D : AJ	• C : AKXX

**Bidding**

South (Mazumdar)	West (Mizan)	North (Zaglu)	East (Sayeed)
ID*	Pass	2C**	Pass
3C	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	7C	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\*Artificial  
\*\*Artificial, 13-15 points

With 14 HCP South opened an artificial 1D bid. North responded 2C showing 13-15 HCP. South thought of bidding 2NT but decided against it. He made a more constructive bid of 3 Clubs. In their bidding system, it should be a 5-card suit.

Our dear friend, Zaglu, who loves to bid slams and double opponents bid the grand slam in this hand.

**The Play**  
When Zaglu found a fit in Club, he checked for Aces and on finding two Aces with partner he roared to seven Clubs. He naturally assumed no loser in Club, and the Spade loser could go on the Ace of Diamond, and as to the Hearts, he would worry about them later.

The lay of the cards were perfect for the Grand Slam.

**The coaches of France '98**

**(From yesterday's issue)**  
**GROUP E**  
**Netherlands**  
**Hiddink Guss (HOL)**  
— Born 8 November 1946, in Varsseveld  
— Player in Doetinchem, as well as PSV Eindhoven (1970-1971), Rejoins Doetinchem. Leaves for the United States and plays for the Washington Diplomats and San Jose Earthquakes (1976-1977), subsequently he completes his career in Nijmegen (1978-1981) and in Doetinchem.

— Associate-coach of Doetinchem (1981-1984), next of PSV Eindhoven (1986-1990) with which he fetches four championships and three cups of Holland, as well as the European Cup of the champion clubs.

Coach of Fenerbache Turkey (1990-1991), further of the club FC Valencia (1991-1994). At last he is named manager of the Netherlands selected team at the end of 1994.

**Belgium**  
**Leekens Georges (BEL)**  
— Born 18 May 1949 in Bruges-Brugge  
— Player of FC Bruges (1972-1981) with which he is awarded five champion titles and once the Cup of Belgium. Finishes his career as player in 1984 and totals three selections in the national squad.

— Coach of Cercle de Bruges (1984-1987 next 1993), of Anderlecht (1987-1988), FC Courtrai (1988-1989), FC Bruges (1989-1991), Mechelen (1991-1992), Trabzonspor (1992-1993), Charleroi (1994-1995), Mouscron (1995-1997), finally of the national squad as of 1998.

— Coach of the German replacement team (1979-1990), subsequently of the national squad as of 1990. Participant of the finals of the European Championship (1992), which he wins in 1996. 1/4 finalist of the World Cup US (1994).

**Germany**  
**Vogts Berti (GER)**  
— Born 30 December 1946, in Battgen  
— Player of Borussia Monchengladbach (1965-1978) in which he wins five champion titles, a Cup of Germany and two Cups of UEFA. Winner of the World Cup 74, he accumulated 96 selections in the national squad of Germany, of which he is captain in 1977 and 1978.

— Coach of the German replacement team (1979-1990), subsequently of the national squad as of 1990. Participant of the finals of the European Championship (1992), which he wins in 1996. 1/4 finalist of the World Cup US (1994).

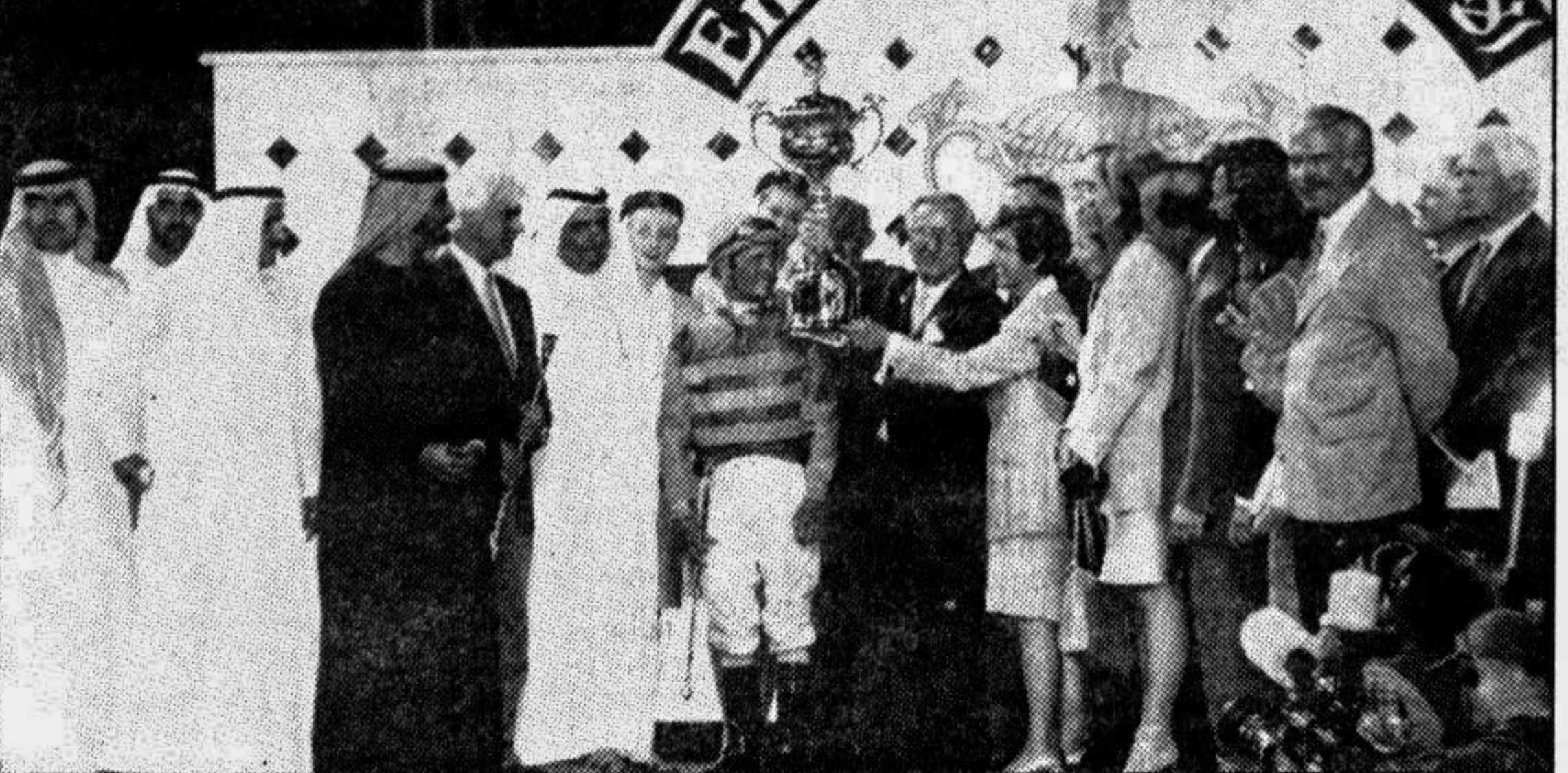
**United States**  
**Sampson Steve (USA)**  
— Born 10 January 1957 in Salt Lake City.  
— Graduated from Stanford University in teaching; he becomes member of the Organizing Committee of the World Cup of USA (1990-1994). Associate of Bora Milutinovic at the head of the US team at the 1994 World Cup. Is appointed manager of the American selected team in August 1995.

**Yugoslavia**  
**Santarc Slobodan (YUG)**  
— Born 4 July 1946 in Socijeva  
— Player of the teams Zemun, OFK Belgrade and of Partizan Belgrade.  
— Four times record goal-scorer in the Yugoslav championships, as well as in the whole history of his country's championships with 238 goals. Eight times selected for the national team.

**Iran**  
**Ivic Tomislav (CRO)**  
— Born 30 June 1933, Split  
— Professional player in Yugoslavia, while he is best known for his coaching activities.  
— Coach of the teams: Anderlecht (1982-1983), Galatasaray (1983-1984), Avellino (1984-1985), Panathinaikos (1985-1986), with the latter he becomes Greek champion. Dinamo Zagreb (1986-1987), FC Porto (1987-1988), with the latter he wins the Portugal Championships; the Paris SG (1988-1990), the Atletico Madrid (1990), Marseille (1990-1992), Benfica (1992-1993); subsequently of Croatia with Miroslav Blazevic (1994); of Slavia, Arab Emirates (1995-1996). Returns to his country to manage Hajduk Split, before engaging in the preparation of the national squad of Iran for the World Cup France 98.

**Source: International Sport (To be continued)**  
**Inter-college h'ball**  
Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) will arrange an inter-college competition for men, reports UNB.

The federation has requested interested colleges in and around the capital to enroll their names by April 30 between 4 and 7:30 pm.



Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president and Prime Minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai (6th from L) seen after presenting the magnificent Dubai World Cup horse racing trophy to winners Robert Lewis and his wife Beverly.

**FRANCE '98 SIDELINES**

UNDATED, Apr 19 (AP): Here's a little primer if you want to speak about and understand soccer — in French — at this summer's World Cup in France.

The basics in English and French: goal, un but; offside, hors jeu; foul, une faute; free kick, un coup-franc; a header, une tête; referee, l'arbitre; goalkeeper, le gardien de but; yellow card, carton jaune; red card, carton rouge.

Once you've mastered this part, the talk can turn to more complicated ideas. For instance: Man-to-man marking is rendered in French as *marquage a la culotte*. To say beat the offside trap, try *battre le piège du hors jeu*.

**SWISS NEST FOR 'SUPER EAGLES'**  
Nigeria's World Cup squad will be setting up camp in Switzerland this spring in preparation for the summer's soccer competition in France.

Austin Mgbolu, spokesman for the Nigerian Football Association, said Saturday morning in Lagos Radio that the players would arrive in Switzerland in May and then head to France the following month.

He gave no details, saying they would be worked out after next week's friendly match against Germany.

The players have been promised bonuses of 10,000 dollars each if they beat Germany in Cologne on April 24.

**LAMA SANS LITERATURE!**  
French goalkeeper Bernard Lama's career as an author isn't going to get off the ground. At least not as this year's World Cup.

Lama said earlier this week he planned to write a diary called "In the Changing Rooms of the World Cup," detailing the fortunes of the French national team during the June 10-July 12 tournament.

But French coach Aimé Jacquet, who picked Lama

Thursday for an upcoming friendly against Sweden, will have none of it.

"It's forbidden," he said. "No player will be writing any diaries. They have to concentrate on their soccer."

Lama, who plays in England for West Ham, is trying to win back his places as France's top goalkeeper from Monaco's Fabien Barthez.

**TROUSSIER, THE TOUGH GUY**  
South African coach Philippe Troussier said he wants players who will not be dazzled and distracted by Europe, a Johannesburg weekly reported Saturday.

"I need men who will snub the atmosphere and concentrate on the job at hand," Troussier was quoted as saying by the Saturday Star. "I don't want players who will be amazed by the stadium and the occasion when they arrive in Marseille."

Troussier, who starts a selection camp for overseas players in Zurich on Sunday, told reporters last week that he intended to only select players for the World Cup "who are playing first-team football," the Star said.

The comment was seen as undermining chances for Benni McCarthy, 20, who scored seven goals in the African Nations Cup. McCarthy has not commanded a regular first-team place with Ajax Amsterdam.

McCarthy told the Star he was prepared to fight for a World Cup place.

"It is my dream to play in France, and I am not going to let it go now," he was quoted as saying.

Troussier appeared to have mended his spat with the local press. In an interview, Troussier, who has coached in Africa for 10 years, said his wife of 24 years, Dominique, is a pillar of strength in his career.

"A lot of my success can be

attributed to the fact that she is behind me all the time," he was quoted by the Star as saying.

Doctor Khumalo, who plays for Kaizer Chiefs that Troussier used to coach, defended Troussier's tough approach that brought criticism last week.

"Troussier has limited time and does not want to get bogged down in teaching basics," Khumalo was quoted as saying.

**RAI'S LAST CHANCE**  
The friendly exhibition game against Argentina scheduled for April 29 marks the last chance for midfielder Rai to secure a spot on the Brazilian national team, a newspaper reported.

"I learned another style of play, a European style — long passes, crosses into the penalty area. I adapted well to that kind of soccer," he said.

Rai said he has not in his best form when he played in the 1994 World Cup but is prepared to play in France if called upon.

Zico, the technical coordinator for the Brazilian national team, has recently praised Rai's performance and says he is still a contender for a sport on the national team.

**Asian Games Tickets sale to start on May 1**

BANGKOK, Apr 19: Ticket reservation for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 13th Asian Games, which is to be held in Bangkok between December 6-20, will start on May 1, reports Xinhua.

Prices for the tickets will vary at 5,000; 4,000; 3,000; 2,000 and 1,000 baht (125; 100; 75; 50; 25 US dollars) and a total of 44,083 tickets will be available.

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**Information**

A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.

B. There will be nine rounds of competition.

C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per announcement.

D. Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.

E. For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.

F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.

G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.

H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

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Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Philips CD Mini System
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3rd	One	Philips Rice Cooker
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

**Rules**

1. Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.

2. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed

3. Forms will not be accepted.

4. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.

5. A person may send numerous entries.

6. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

7. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.

8. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

9. Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

10. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2".

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12. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.

13. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.

14. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star.

15. Any decision of The Daily Star in the conduct of the Quiz competition including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner whatsoever.

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**Tick (✓) the correct answers**

1. For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify? Iran  Iraq  Ireland

2. The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at Paris  London  Rome

3. Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"? Zico  Romario  Pele

4. 1974 champs Germany played Final against Holland  England  Brazil

5. Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup?

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
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