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WORLD CUP QUOTES

"It was a brawl, not an exhibition of football."

HUGO MEISL, Austria's supreme, after his team's 2-1 victory over Hungary in the quarter-finals.

"I was off balance and late to react when Orsi scored from eight yards."

FRANTISEK PLANICKA, Czechoslovakia's perfectionist goalkeeper, blaming himself for Italy's late equalizer in the final from Orsi's freak shot. Next day, Orsi — watched by photographers — tried 20 times to reproduce the shot, but without success.

"Every one of our guests felt the pulsating of the masculine energies of a bursting vitality, in this our Mussolini's Italy."

GIOVANNI MAURO, Italian delegate to FIFA and one of the tournament's organizers.

"In the majority of countries, the World Championship was called a sporting fiasco, because, beside the desire to win, all other sporting considerations were non-existent."

JOHN LANGENUS, Belgian referee who had taken the 1930 final and one of the first-round matches in 1934.

More trouble for CFO

BRUSSELS, Apr 21: Thirty European parliament deputies will file a formal complaint against the French World Cup organising committee (CFO) at a Paris court later this week over the distribution of tickets for the finals, reports Reuters.

"An unfairly large number of tickets have been reserved by the organising committee exclusively for the French public," Belgian MEP (Member of the European Parliament) Philippe de Coene said in a statement.

De Coene, who heads the parliament's Socialist Group with British Liberal Graham Watson, said further details on the legal action would be outlined at a news conference in Brussels on Wednesday.

The MEPs will be represented in Paris by lawyer Luc Mission, who represented Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman in his successful bid to change European transfer rules.

Italy 1934 World Cup Nationalism triumphed

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

In this second World Cup, Europe showed that South America had not cornered the market in violent play and fanatical nationalism, while the standard of refereeing still left much to be desired. There were again no British teams, and the South American contingent was weak, so Austria and Italy were the favourites.

The Jules Rimet trophy travelled across the Atlantic back to Europe but without the champions Uruguay.

Italy hosted the second World Cup championships and this provided the dictator Mussolini with a grand opportunity to unleash a massive propaganda. But it had taken the FIFA eight meetings to decide on the venue. Perhaps this was the first international football tournament exploited for propaganda purposes.

Originally there were 32 teams, but the holders, Uruguay were missing, piqued at the poor response from Europe when they staged the first world cup four years back and beset with domestic problems.

The countries were divided into 12 geographical groups to produce 16 finalists. Even Italy had to qualify by playing Greece, Brazil and Argentina qualified without playing as their opponents withdrew and the United States beat Mexico 4-2 in an extra qualifier in Rome before the start of the tournament proper.

The sixteen teams that qualified for the final round were: Italy, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Romania, Belgium, France, Brazil, Holland, Argentina, Egypt and United States.

The finals were played on a straight knock-out system with weight of the sixteen teams seeded in the first round. Both Brazil and 1930 runners-up Argentina, having already lost some of their players to Italian football, had left more of their stars at home, were beaten and found themselves making the long return trip after only one game.

Italy fielded three Argentinians of Italian descent including the ruthless Monti as centre-half and dumped the

long-distance travellers, the United States 7-1 and Egypt who started spiritedly were swamped 4-2 by Hungary. Hat-tricks were scored by Schiavio for Italy and Conen for Germany (5-2) against Belgium. As a result the quarter-finals became an all-European affair and that's when the trouble started.

Spain took the lead against

FINAL SCORE

FIRST ROUND			
Italy	7	United States	1
Czechoslovakia	2	Romania	1
Germany	5	Belgium	2
Austria	3	France	2
Spain	3	Brazil	1
Switzerland	3	Holland	2
Sweden	3	Argentina	2
Hungary	4	Egypt	2

QUARTER-FINALS			
Germany	2	Sweden	1
Austria	2	Hungary	1
Italy	1	Spain	1
Czechoslovakia	3	Switzerland	2

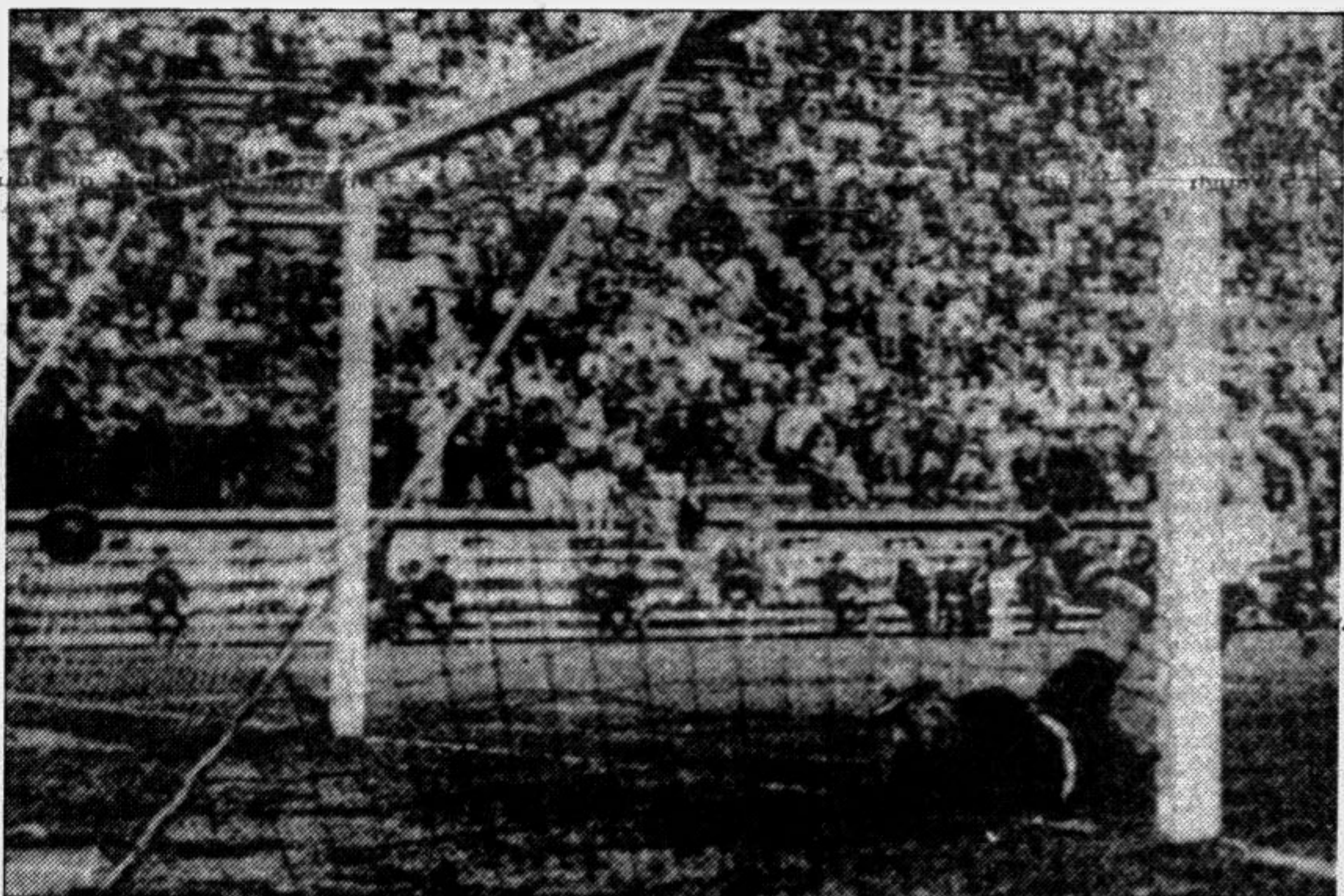
REPLAY			
Italy	1	Spain	0

SEMI-FINALS			
Czechoslovakia	3	Germany	1
Italy	1	Austria	0

THIRD-PLACE MATCH			
Germany	3	Austria	2

FINAL			
Italy (after extra time)	2	Czechoslovakia	1

Rome, 10 June 1934. Attendance 55,000
Italy: Combi, Monzeglio, Alerandi, Ferraris IV, Monti, Bertolini, Guaita, Meazza, Schiavio, Ferrari, Orsi (Scorers: Orsi, Schiavio)
Czechoslovakia: Planicka, Zenisek, Ctyroky, Kostalek, Cambel, Krcal, Junek, Svoboda, Sobotta, Nevedly, Puc (Scorer: Puc)
Leading scorers
4 Conen (Germany) Nejedly (Czechoslovakia) Schiavio (Italy)



Combi dives too late to stop Puc's goal in the final, but Italy recovered to win in extra time. — Star file photo

Johnny zaps Lankans

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hat-trick by Masud Khan Johnny enabled Bangladesh under-16 football team to post a thumping 4-0 victory over Sri Lanka in their inaugural Zone Five qualifying round match of the eighth Asian youth championship at Birganj in Nepal yesterday.

According to a telephonic message received here last night, Bangladesh dominated the match against the islanders, scoring two goals in each half. The facile victory of the juvenile selection turned out to be a welcome relief after the chronic failures of the national team at the international level.

Tito put Bangladesh ahead in the ninth minute. But it was Johnny who stole the thunder by notching up an unique treble. The nimble marksman doubled the margin in the 23rd minute.

After the lemon break Johnny added two more in the space of 17 minutes to complete the Sri Lankan rout. It was the third hat-trick of the four-nation meet after the goal-fest first match on Monday, where hosts Nepal, aided by twin trebles from Basant Thapa and Anand Thapa, rolled up a hapless Guam 10-0.

Bangladesh will meet the hosts in their next match on April 24 before facing Guam in their last robin league match on April 26.

Bangladesh: Abu Sayeed, Gul Mohammad (Azad), Johnny, Jahangir, Biplab, Sujon, Hanif, Tito, Adil (Dablu), Echo (Tipu), Rafiqul and Mamunul Islam.

Four-nation soccer Iran, Jamaica suffer defeats

TEHRAN, Apr 21: World Cup finalists Iran and Jamaica both suffered surprise defeats in a four-nation tournament here on Monday, reports AFP.

Barnsley striker Georgi Hristov scored both goals in the first half as Macedonia downed Jamaica 2-1. The Jamaicans responded in the second half with a 69-minute penalty from Portsmouth's Paul Hall.

Iran were boosted from the pitch after their 2-0 loss at the hands of Hungary, who got goals from Attila Korsos and Bela Illes.

Macedonia will now face Hungary in the final on Wednesday night with Iran facing Jamaica for third place.

Joe's joy turns into sorrow

GOLD COAST, Australia, Apr 21: Joe Bugner's joy at landing a world heavyweight title fight 23 years after losing to Muhammad Ali was soured by the discovery that thieves ransacked his home while he was trading blows in the ring, reports Reuters.

Bugner, 48, guaranteed himself a shot at the vacant World Boxing Federation title by winning the Pan-Asian Championship on Monday only to return home and find his house had been burgled.

"The mongrels must have been watching me leave," Bugner told Australian Associated Press.

"When we got home we found that they had ransacked the place and my Mercedes was gone as well as thousands of dollars of cash and jewellery."

Queensland police said the robbery took place while the 48-year-old Bugner was defending his Australian title against Bob Mirovic, a 32-year-old heavyweight with the modest record of eight wins in 16 fights.

Vogts' cause for concern



COLOGNE, Apr 21: German captain Jurgen Klinsmann is likely to start from the bench when his team face fellow qualifiers Nigeria in a World Cup warm-up match here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Coach Berti Vogts has assured Klinsmann of a place in his squad for the finals in France, but the promise is becoming increasingly hard to justify with each week that passes without Klinsmann scoring a goal for his English Premiership employers Tottenham Hotspur.

Vogts wants to clarify the situation with Spurs Swiss coach Christian Gross — but the two men haven't been able to track each other down.

"Gross has tried to contact me a few times, but unfortunately forgot to leave his number," Vogts explained.

On current form he will find it hard to go past strikers Ulf Kirsten and Oliver Bierhoff, who are among the top goalscorers in Germany's Bundesliga and Italy's Serie A.

"I will accept the coach's decision, even though of course I want my place in the side," Klinsmann said diplomatically.

Once again Germany's selection process for this match has been marred by injuries to key players.

Only 13 of Germany's 19 outfield players were able to train Monday. Another seven — Mehmet Scholl, Mario Basler, Mathias Sammer, Lars Ricken, Jorg Heinrich, Christian Ziege and Thomas Helmer — are missing from the squad because of various injuries.

His injury problems have got worse compared to the previous tournaments in 1994 (World Cup) and 1996 (European Championship)," Vogts said.

Although time seems to have run out for Mathias Sammer, another long lost son has returned to the fold in his Borussia Dortmund teammate Stefan Freund.

A Paul Gascoigne foul in the Euro '96 semifinals snapped Freund's knee ligaments and left him racked with doubt as he fought his way back to form.

The absence of experienced defenders Helmer and Jurgen Kohler leaves a gap in defence which Freund may well be called on to plug.

Nigeria promise to be tough opponents for the Germans. Their gold medal win at the

1996 Olympics has given them a taste of international success and several of their players have an intimate knowledge of German football.

The game against Nigeria will be the last opportunity for Vogts to test some players. Vogts will name his World Cup roster next month, before Germany play Finland on May 27, Colombia on May 30 and Luxembourg on June 5, two days before Germany travel to France.

SIX NO TRUMPS
A K Sayeedul Huq

THE GRAND SLAM INVITATION (Hand # 20)

West	North (D)	East
♠ S XXX ♥ H Q J 10 X ♦ D K X X X ♣ C X X	♠ S A K X X ♥ H A K X ♦ D A X X ♣ C A 10 X	♠ S X X ♥ H X X X ♦ D Q X X X X ♣ C X X
South		North
♠ S Q J X X ♥ H X X X ♦ D - ♣ C K Q J X X X		♠ S X X ♥ H X X X ♦ D Q X X X X ♣ C X X

Bidding (Neither Vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
		1C*	Pass
1H**	Pass	2NT	Pass
4C	Pass	5NT	Pass
7C	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Artificial, 18 or more HCP
**Artificial, 7-9 HCP

The Play

North picked up a powerful hand, and in the bidding system followed by the partners, opened 1C and South responded 1H showing 7-9 high card points. With 22 HCP North jumped to 2NT while South, with a very good six-card suit in Clubs and void in Diamond, also jumped to 4C. North anticipated 6 points in Clubs with 6-7 cards in the suit, and a queen or a queen and a jack in Spades or Hearts would virtually guarantee a Grand Slam. Hence, he invited South to bid 7 Clubs if he had two of the three top honours in the suit. The Grand Slam was bid and made as it was a lay down. The system of inviting Grand Slam worked very well in this case.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98

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1st Prize: Philips CD Mini System
2nd Prize: Sanyo Twin-Tub Washing Machine
3rd Prize: Philips Rice Cooker
4th Prize: 5 Dozen Philips Bulbs
5th Prize: Caps & T-Shirts

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FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Apr 21 (AP): Liverpool manager Roy Evans has no doubt that 18-year-old Michael Owen should be on England's World Cup squad.

England coach Glenn Hoddle said recently that Owen was not a "natural goalscorer" and offered mixed signals about the striker's World Cup prospects.

But Owen scored a spectacular goal — his 21st of the season — to earn Liverpool a 1-1 tie at Coventry last weekend.

"For someone who is not a natural goalscorer, that was some goal," Evans said. "His first touch was superb, and he turned the player brilliantly. I don't pick the England squad for France, but if I was then Michael would be in it."

Owen is part of Hoddle's 34-man squad for the friendly against Portugal at Wembley on Wednesday.

LE TISSIER'S FRESH LEASE OF LIFE

Southampton striker Matthew Le Tissier returns from the international wilderness to try to win a place in England's World Cup squad.

Le Tissier was selected to play in Tuesday's "B" team international against Russia, his first England appearance since the World Cup qualifier against Italy at Wembley 14 months ago.

BAGGIO LETS THE GOALS TALK

Roberto Baggio is still scoring goals for his club. Now he wants a chance to do it for his country, too.

Baggio has scored 16 goals for Bologna this season, but he was not selected by Italy coach Cesare Maldini for Wednesday's warmup match against Paraguay.

"I said before the season that I wanted to score 20 and I will do my best to do so. And if that will help me return to the national team, all the better," Baggio said Sunday after tallying twice in a 3-0 win over his old club, AC Milan.

SPICING UP ENGLAND

Victoria Adams, better known as Posh Spice, is engaged to England midfielder David Beckham. Now there's another World Cup connection with the Spice Girls.

The group features on England's official World Cup '98 album.

The single, called "On Top of the World," will be unveiled Wednesday during England's friendly with Portugal at Wembley. It will be officially released at the end of May.

The song has been recorded by the Spice Girls along with members of Echo and The Bunnymen, Space and Ocean Colour Scene.

Royalties will go to children's charities in Tunisia, Romania and Colombia, countries who are in the same group with England in France.

The single is tipped to go to No. 1 following the success of "World in Motion" by New Order for the 1990 World Cup and "Three Lions" by the Lightning Seeds with Skinner and Baddiel for the Euro '96.

"On Top Of The World is where we want to be on July 12," England coach Glenn Hoddle said. "The record is something that brings us all together — players, coaches and the fans, the whole country in fact."

BERT'S AUDACITY!

German coach Berti Vogts, whose team plays Nigeria in a World Cup tune-up Wednesday, says some of the Super Eagles are more talented than the Brazilians.

"Nigeria will be a big secret favourite at the World Cup,"

Vogts predicted Monday. "In some positions, Nigeria has even better players than Brazil."

TEEN TALENT SET FOR DEBUT

At the age of 17, Wolves striker Robbie Keane is set to become the second youngest player to start a full international for Ireland.

Keane, who came on as a substitute against the Czech Republic last month, has been named to the starting side for Wednesday's friendly against Argentina.

He will enter the record books just behind former Tottenham defender Jimmy Holmes, who was four months younger when making his debut in 1972.

TOP PARAGUAYANS UNAVAILABLE

Paraguay will face Italy in a World Cup tune-up match Wednesday without two of their best defenders.

Both Catalino Riverola, who plays for Brazil's Gremio, and Celso Ayala, of Argentina's River Plate, will miss the friendly match because of calf injuries.

CHILEANS START SANS ZAMORANO

Chile's national soccer squad, with three new faces but minus Ivan Zamorano, gathered Monday for a training session to prepare for World Cup competition.

Chile will play Colombia on Wednesday and then Lithuania the following week.

Salas is expected to be in the lineup Wednesday against Colombia, but he will miss his scoring partner Ivan Zamorano who stayed in Milan with his team, Internazionale.

Information

- 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.
- There will be nine rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per announcement.
- Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

Prizes for Round Two




Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Philips CD Mini System
2nd	One	Sanyo Twin-Tub Washing Machine
3rd	One	Philips Rice Cooker
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

Rules

- 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.
- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star.
- Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries.
- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. 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.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- 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.
- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2."
- Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205.
- 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.
- Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Daily Star management, in their absolute discretion, reserves the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of the Quiz competitions under any circumstances.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Two Ends April 29, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

- For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify? Iran Iraq Ireland
- The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at Paris London Rome
- Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"? Zico Romario Pele
- 1974 champs Germany played Final against Holland England Brazil
- Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup?   

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) Age

Father's name Occupation

Address

Telephone (if any) Signature Date

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