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Column One

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- 1 Who will lead Brazil in the France World Cup? a) Bebeto b) Ronaldo c) Dunga
2 What is the name of the mascot of France '98? a) Panda b) Footix c) Chicken
3 The ball to be used in this year's World Cup is called... a) Tricolour b) Questra c) Astra
4 Which country in the World Cup will be captained by the son and coached by the father? a) Finland b) Italy c) Spain
5 How many times IWM Rani Hamid has won the national women's chess title? a) 10 b) 9 c) 11

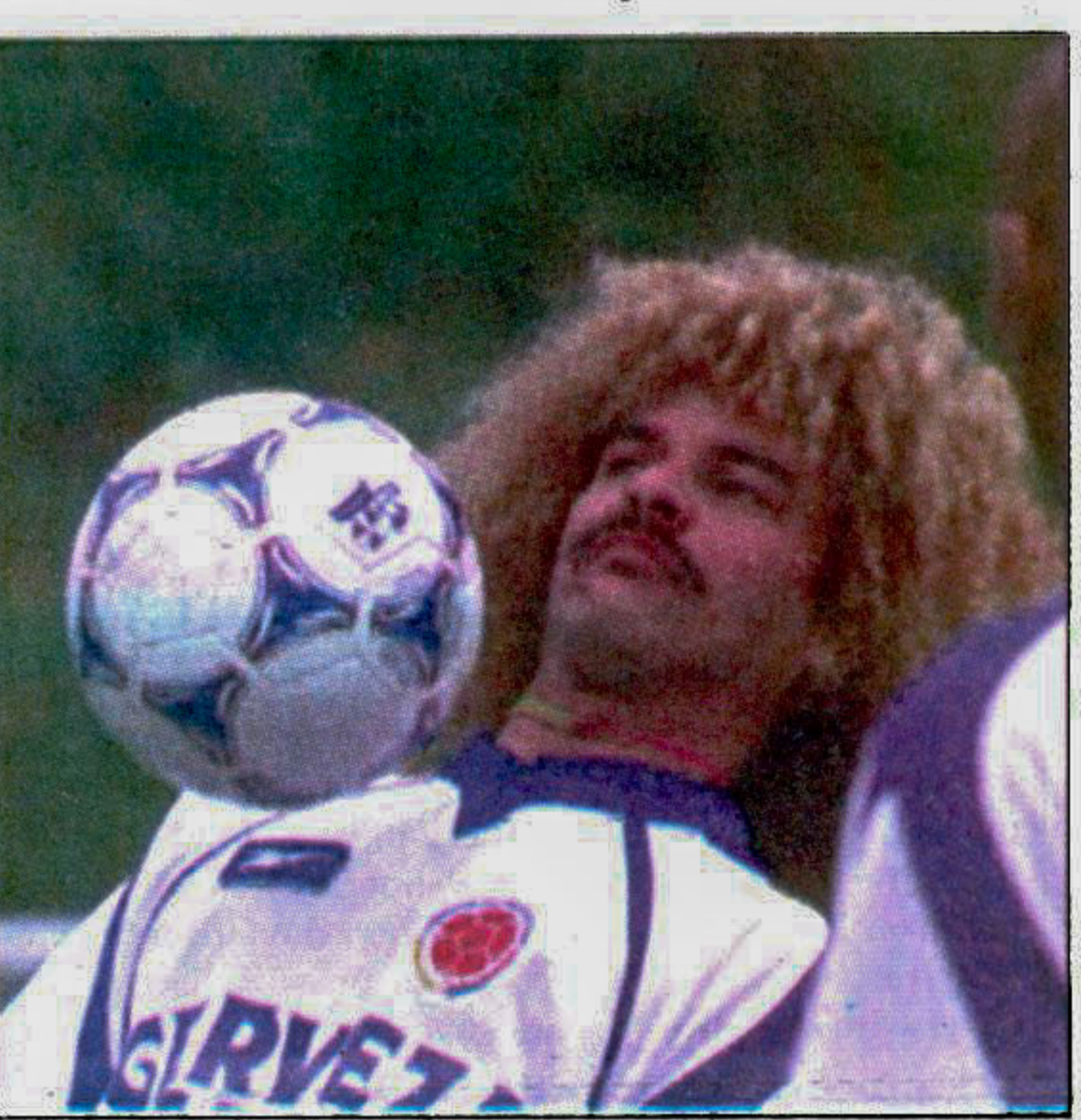
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Romario's exit opens a race



ZOZIO LA FERRIERE, France, Jun 7 (AP): Romario is gone, and the battle is on for his place in Brazil's starting lineup. For now, Bebeto is the No. 2 striker, alongside Ronaldo. But Edmundo openly says he deserves the job, and Denilson could upstage them both once the Cup starts next Wednesday.

he was red-carded seven times last year and routinely fights with opposing players, teammates and referees. For now, the starter is Bebeto. Romario's co-star on Brazil's 1994 World Cup champions, Bebeto started in Brazil's 3-0 win over Andorra this week, and Zagalgo conformed he would also start in the Cup opener against Scotland.



Colombian captain Carlos "the kid" Valderrama gets it off his chest during a training session at La Tour du Pin Stadium, France on June 6.

Denilson won a starting berth at the 1997 America Cup and held it until last month, when Zagalgo opted to start Rivaldo and Giovanni, teammates on Spain's FC Barcelona. But Zagalgo is an unabashed admirer of Denilson, whose wizardly ball-handling skills and brash, in-your-face dribbles have earned him comparisons with the legendary Garrincha.

Aime's worst nightmare

PARIS, Jun 7: Eleven players playing defence. It's a horror scenario for anyone who wants to see more goals and open, fluid play, but French coach Aime Jacquet sees it coming anyway - especially against his offensively-challenged team, reports AP.

France opens their World Cup campaign Friday against South Africa, and their ineptitude in front of the goal is a major problem. No striker on the team has been impressive. France got a taste of what's to come against Finland in an exhibition game Friday, scrapping through with a 1-0 win after David Trezeguet scored a late goal. The Finns kept the French in check with the type of physical play that is expected to be a fixture in many of the 64 World Cup matches.

Zamorano injured. MARGINAC, France, June 7: Ivan Zamorano, half of Chile's high-scoring front line, sat out practice Sunday with what team doctor called a "minor" knee injury, reports AP.

Public transport scores a goal

To allow football fans to get to the stadiums in which the matches of the World Cup will take place, French transport operators are rolling up their sleeves. Public transport has been developed, attractive fares have been introduced and the stress has been put on the quality of information.



No to come by car is the golden rule that the spectators of the nine matches (including the opening match and the final), which will take place in the Grand Stade de France stadium, at the World Cup, will have to apply. Jean-Claude Gaysso, the Minister of Public Facilities, Transport and Housing, was very firm on this point at the press conference he gave on 13th January 1998.

Spain aim to cash in

MADRID, June 7: (AFP/Internet): Spain's players hope to cash in at the World Cup after the Federation dangled bonuses of 19 million pesetas (126,000 dollars) each if they go all the way and lift the trophy.

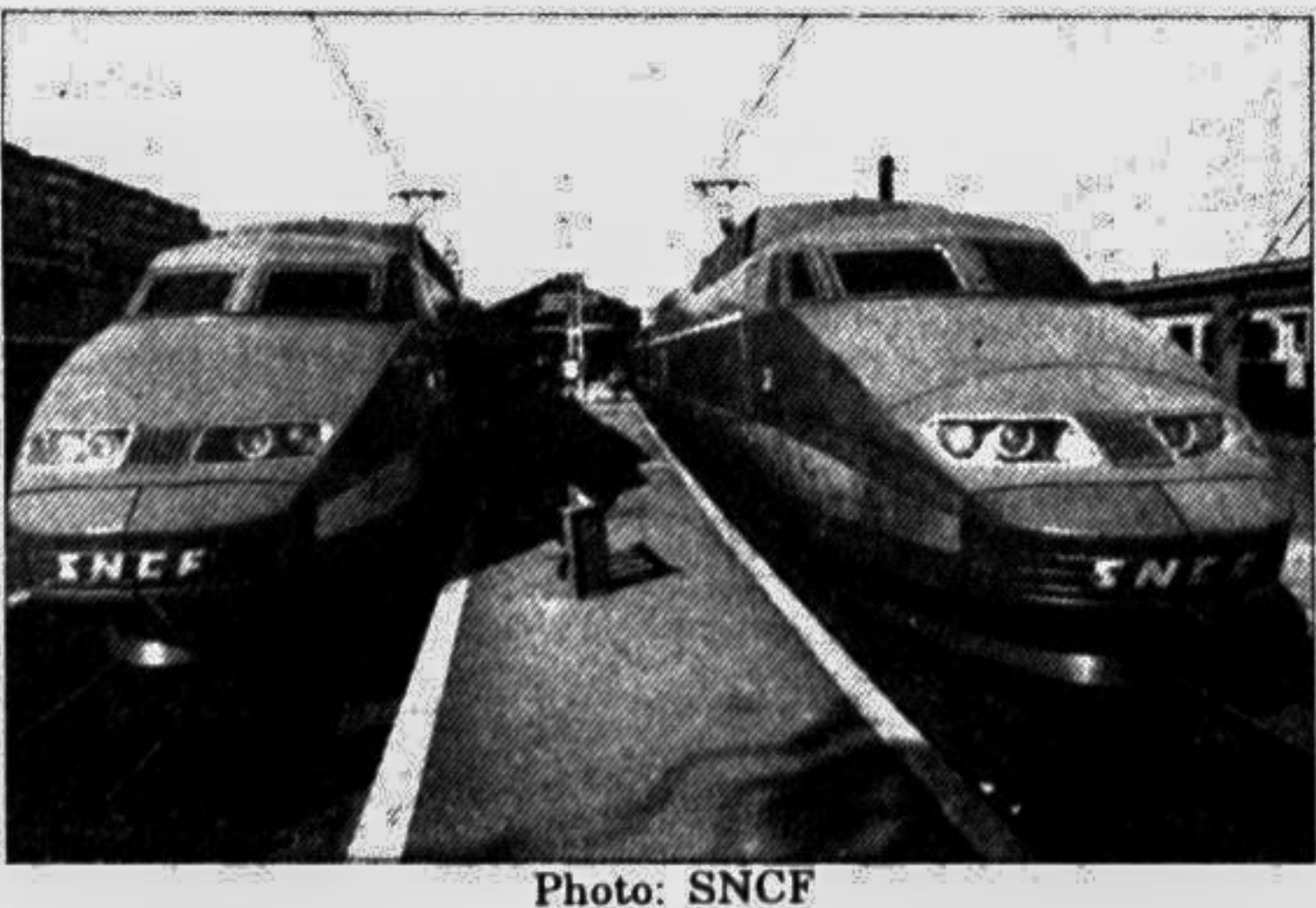


Photo: SNCF

Our own World Cup has begun Sports Ministry-1, BFF-1?

With regard to "Our own World Cup has begun" (DS May 30), the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), in a press release signed by its General Secretary, Harunur Rashid MP, has termed State Minister for Sports Obaidul Quader's allegations on distribution of Media Accreditation Cards via a press release of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association as "baseless and misleading".

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SCORE AGAIN! ROUND 5. Prizes include Sanyo Microwave Oven, Philips CD RCR AZ 8051, Philips Rice Cooker, 4 dozen Philips Bulbs, 5th Prize: Caps & T-Shirts (25 prizes). All Prizes Courtesy: Transcom Electronics Ltd.

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Juergen Klinsmann (German soccer captain) Teddy is one of the most intelligent players. It has been my pleasure to play alongside. He is a real underrated treasure of soccer.

Radio refs!

PARIS, June 7: For the first time at a World Cup final, a radio link will be used to improve communication between the match referee and his linesmen, reports Reuters. The system, tested at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 and at the Tournoi de France tournament last June, allows a linesman to alert the referee electronically if he spots an offence, rather than waving his flag and hoping the referee spots him.