

More bad news for Beckham

PARIS, July 1 (AFP/Internet): David Beckham is set to be banned for England's first two qualifying matches for the European Championship.

Hero to villain

From page 13 blame at Danish referee Kim Milton Nielsen rather than Beckham.

Former England managers Bobby Robson and Terry Venables, both of whom know exactly how Hoddle and his players feel after the agony of penalty shoot-out defeats in the past, also rounded on Beckham.

England love

From page 13 lant reaction of an inexperienced egoist. Nevertheless Simeone's dramatisation of the incident prompted the referee to overreact and Beckham was sent off.

The dismissal changed the whole complexion of the match. After losing a crucial component of their midfield, England were forced to defend against wave after wave of Argentine attacks, with the dim hope that they might grab a goal from a counterattack.

Defenders lack technique or the composure in front of goal to take penalties. Consequently, Argentina had the advantage as they had a number of marksmen on the field.

Heart bleeds

From page 16 The surge at half-time was equivalent to that reached in 1985 during an episode of 'Dallas' when JR was shot.



THINGS LOOK FINE: Leonardo (L), Ronaldo (C) and Brazil coach Mario Zagallo in a cheerful mood during practice at Ozoir la Ferriere on June 30. —AFP photo

Brazil a goal down before kick-off?

PARIS, July 1 (AFP/Internet): Denmark will start their quarter-final match against Brazil a goal-up as far as coach Bo Johansson is concerned.

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Best of friends, best of enemies

PARIS, July 1 (AFP/Internet): Best of friends during the Serie A season, French and Italians will be worst enemies on Friday when the two sides meet for a place in the World Cup semi-finals.

"But on Friday we have to go out and beat them. We Italians owe a great deal to Italy -- but now we want to prove that we can win things on our own."

that, you'll soon be packing your bags and going home. Deschamps had mixed feelings about the amount of friendship on the pitch at the Stade de France.

Brown predicts Brazil-France finale

PARIS, July 1 (AFP/Internet): Scotland coach Craig Brown believes hosts France will make it to the World Cup final - where they will meet Brazil.

"I reckon it could well be France against Brazil in the final," said Brown. "Both sides have impressed me a great deal."

The five Juventus men in Italy's team meanwhile know all there is to know about France's most feared weapon, playmaker Zinedine Zidane.



HERE COMES CROATIA: Jubilant Croatian fans take to the streets at capital Zagreb after the second round victory over Romania on June 30. —AFP photo

Batigol's hat-trick

ST ETIENNE, July 1: Gabriel Batistuta marked the birth of his third son by returning to the top of the World Cup marksmen's list with his penalty against England on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Mario plans to storm the flanks

OZOIR-LA-FERRIERE, France, July 1: Coach Mario Zagallo lifted the veil on his master plan for the quarter-final against Denmark on Friday, revealing that Brazil hope to wing their way to victory, reports AFP.

Trust Maradona!

BUENOS AIRES, July 1: Fiery former international soccer star Diego Maradona said Tuesday that Argentina's penalty-kick victory over England was "very difficult" but said he never doubted the outcome, reports AFP.

Batty's most forgetful kick

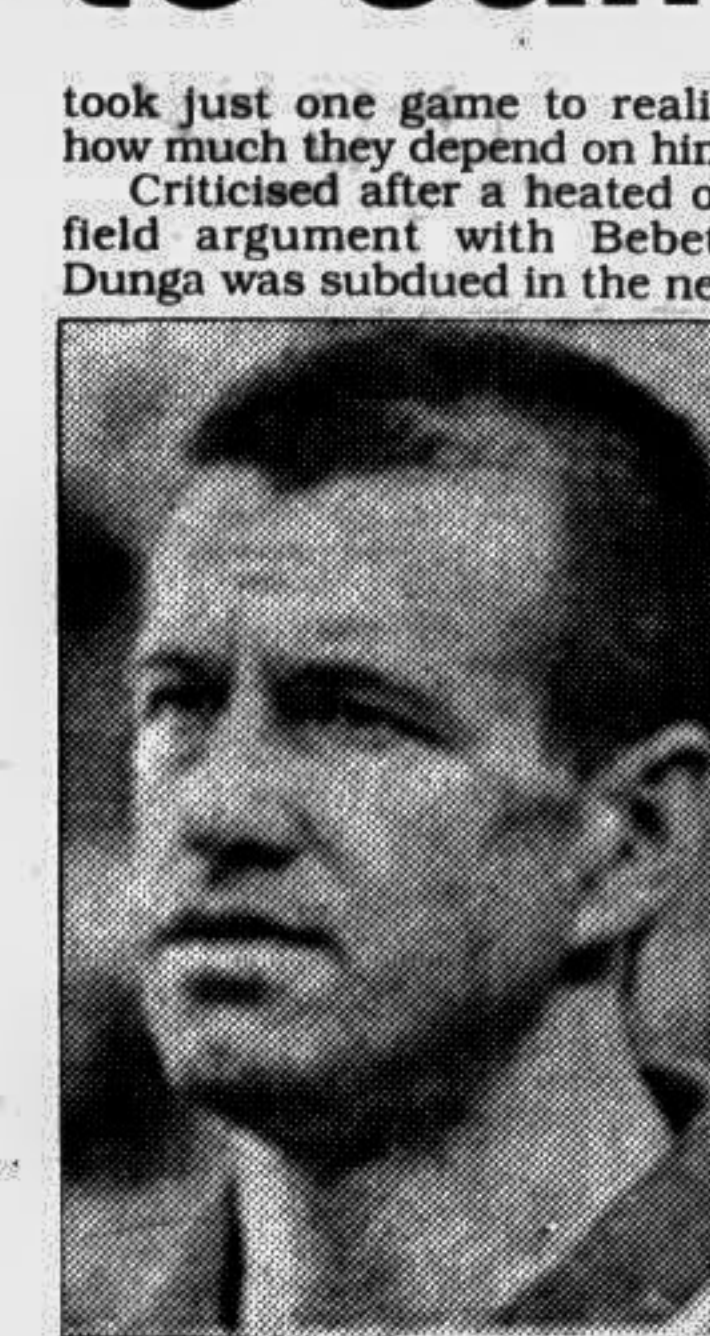
ST ETIENNE, July 1 (Reuters): David Batty took the first penalty of his senior professional career on Tuesday — missed it and sent England tumbling out of the World Cup.

Football's elite

From page 16 the World Cup but you can do as much as possible to give yourself the best chance, and that is exactly what we do.

Dunga to call it a day

OZOIR-LA-FERRIERE, France, July 1 (AP/Internet): If Brazilians needed any extra motivation to win the World Cup, they have Dunga.



DUNGA

took just one game to realise how much they depend on him. Criticised after a heated on-field argument with Bebeto, Dunga was subdued in the next game against Norway.

Have refs spoiled the game?

PARIS, July 1 (AFP/Internet): The World Cup has always been overdramatized by triumph and disaster, but surely those two sporting impostors have once more been dancing to the tune of referees' whistles.

Cameron alleged there was an anti-African conspiracy when they had two players sent off and two goals by veteran striker Francois Omam Blyick disallowed by Hungarian referee Laszlo Vagner.

Vieri, nomad no more

SENLIS, France, July 1 (Reuters): Christian Vieri says his mother, born in France, will support her son and Italy when the two nations meet in their World Cup quarterfinal on Friday.

I look at each year as a step forward. After making his way to Spain, he says he might finally put down roots.

Record beckons Taffarel

OZOIR-LA-FERRIERE, France, July 1 (AFP/Internet): Brazilian veteran Claudio Taffarel is set to beat the World Cup appearances record for goalkeepers in Friday's quarter-final against Denmark.



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Table with 2 columns: Country and Score. Includes Round 2 Results for Brazil, France, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Croatia, Argentina, and Norway, Chile, Paraguay, Nigeria, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Romania, and England.