



THE MOST EXPENSIVE KISS: Brazilian superstar Denilson (R), who is currently the world's most expensive booter, kisses the Real Betis shirt during an orientation ceremony at Sevilla on July 30. The Spanish club's president Manuel Ruiz de Lopera is beside Demilson. — AFP photo

Margas signs for West Ham

LONDON, July 31: Chilean World Cup defender Javier Margas joined English Premier League West Ham in a two million pounds (\$3.2 million US dollars) transfer on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Antic declines Yugoslav job

BELGRADE, July 31: (Reuters/Internet): Former Atletico Madrid coach Radomir Antic said on Wednesday he had turned down the job of Yugoslav national coach because he wanted to stay in Spanish club soccer.

De Boers meet dead end

ZEIST, Netherlands, July 31: Frank and Ronald de Boer on Thursday lost their bid to cancel their six-year contracts with Ajax Amsterdam, a spokesman for the Dutch football association said, reports AFP.

about the principle that you must fulfill and respect your contract, but we will agree to you leaving. There must be a solution," Kniffiff insisted.

fused to release the pair when Arsenal and Barcelona made transfer enquiries. Ronald and Frank had claimed that their contracts included a condition that one of them would be allowed to leave if a big club came in for them.

Bartlett joins FC Zurich

NEW YORK, July 31: South African forward Shaun Bartlett, who scored two goals in the World Cup, has transferred to FC Zurich of the Swiss First Division, US Major League Soccer announced Tuesday, reports AP.

The 25-year-old Bartlett, who scored 11 goals in 49 games in MLS, was transferred for 1.3 million dollars, according to a MLS source.

Alex's £25m dream team

LONDON, July 31 (Sunday Mirror/Internet): Alex Ferguson on Thursday got the call he has been waiting to receive for three years.

Manchester United boss Ferguson was all smiles after chairman Martin Edwards contacted him here in Denmark with the news that AC Milan had accepted a \$million pound offer for Patrick Kluyvert.



ALEX FERGUSON the chase for Dwight would come to an end. But it seems that's not the case. I expect him to continue to try and get Yorkie off us."

He has got too much to lose. Kluyvert and Yorke have goals written all over them. Even Gregory admits that. He can not see Cole hanging around in Kluyvert's shadow and said: "They are both what I would call traditional No.9s."

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Ferguson, on World Cup duty for Independent TV, was totally convinced that Kluyvert, who powered Holland into the semi-finals, must be his man. His power in the air, strength on the ground and venom of shot will send a chill down every Premiership defender next year.

Argentine duo Gabriel Batistuta and Ariel Ortega wanted far too much cash, with demands of \$40,000-a-week tax free. Ferguson did not get Brian Laudrup or Alan Shearer for well-publicised different reasons. But now he is a happy man.

Beckham going nowhere

LONDON, July 31 (Sunday Mirror/Internet): Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson put a "not for sale" notice on David Beckham on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Barcelona and Real Madrid will continue to make moves. Barcelona officials faxed Manchester with a 17-million pound bid.

Barcelona are the latest club to move for the midfielder star after his World Cup nightmare. But United will repel all invaders hoping to lure Beckham with offers of a trouble-free life away from the abuse of England fans.

Brazil's Vasco da Gama's Sorato (L) being tackled by Chile's Universidad Catolica's national defender Miguel Ramirez during a Copa Mercosur match at Santiago on July 30. The game ended 1-1. — AP/UNB photo

Euro Super League makes FIFA edgy

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the clubs in question will not make any commitment to any such private party which would jeopardise their future participation in national and international competitions."

The Daily Star TV Guide. A comprehensive listing of TV programs across various channels including BBC, STAR MOVIES, STAR PLUS, ATN, ZEE INDIA TV, MUSIC ASIA, DD 7, SONY ET, and TNT CARTOON. The guide lists program names, start times, and channel information for Saturday, August 1, 1998.