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1	Who won the Golden Boot in France '98?	Suker	Vieri	Ronaldo
2	Who won France '98?	Croatia	France	Brazil
3	Who was the captain of Argentina at France '98?	Ortega	Veron	Simeone
4	What was Holland's position in France '98?	Third	Fourth	Fifth
5	Michael Owen plays for	Lpool	M United	Arsenal

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SPORTS TALK

Luxemburgo CBF's choice?

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 11 (Reuters/AF): Wanderley Luxemburgo will be named as the new coach of World Cup runners-up Brazil today, a television report claimed on Monday evening.

Globo Television said that the appointment of 46-year-old Luxemburgo, currently coach of Sao Paulo club Corinthians, will be officially announced by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) on Tuesday.

Nobody was available at the CBF to confirm the report on Monday evening.

Luxemburgo, who was a little known full back in his playing days and did not play international soccer, has made his name since he turned to coaching.

He has been hugely successful in the last few years, winning the Paulista (Sao Paulo state) championship three times and Brazilian championship twice with Palmeiras since 1993.

He is considered a coach who

Blazevic stays put?

ZAGREB, Aug 11 (Reuters/Internet): Miroslav Blazevic, who led Croatia's national soccer team to third place at this year's World Cup, will retain his post for another four years, a daily newspaper reported on Tuesday.

"We have agreed although nothing has been signed yet. In principle you can say we are entering a new four-year cycle," the Jutarnji List daily quoted Blazevic as saying after a meeting with the Croatian Soccer Association late on Monday.

"But I have to get some further guarantees," Blazevic said without elaborating.

After guiding Croatia to the semifinals at their first appearance at a World Cup since becoming an independent country, Blazevic, 63, has reportedly received a substantial offer to join a Japanese club.

Corinthians have won their first four games in the Brazilian championship and on Saturday hammered Atletico Mineiro 5-1 away.

If his appointment is confirmed, Luxemburgo will step in for veteran Mario Zagallo, who was fired two weeks ago despite taking Brazil to the final of the World Cup in France last month.

The first players for the new national team should be named some time in September for the three or four exhibition matches remaining this year.

Luxemburgo will not leave Corinthians before the end of the national championships.

Other leading candidates for the job include Paulo Cesar Carpegiani, who led Paraguay to the second round in the World Cup, and Carlos Alberto Parralira, who led Brazil to World Cup victory in the United States four years ago.

Antonio Lopes, a former police detective who coaches Brazilian champions Vasco da Gama, and Palmeiras coach Luiz Felipe Scolari have also been suggested.



JARNI'S MADRID JOURNEY: Croatia's star left back Robert Jarni (R) discusses something with Real Madrid president Florentino Sanz (C) at Marbella, Spain on August 10. Jarni is linked to a possible move to the Madrid giants from his current club Real Betis. — AP/UNB photo

Stam hits the roof

LONDON, Aug 11 (The Mirror/Internet): Jaap Stam yesterday fired back his own salvo after being gunned down in cold blood at Wembley. The bullets flew thick and fast following his first taste of English football in the Charity Shield thumping by Arsenal.

Stam was made the scapegoat for Arsenal's first goal when Dennis Bergkamp missed him and Marc Overmars scored.

Manchester United's record £10.75million signing was then embarrassed again when Nicolas Anelka brushed him aside to grab the third.

But Stam, who was pilloried for his performances in the World Cup, is standing as hard and firm as his 6ft 3in frame.

He is shrugging off the pressure piling on him in only his second week as a United star and says: "I will prove myself in English football. I just need to adapt to the way you play here. I still need to get used to the way United play."

"At the moment there are times I don't know what I'm doing, so it's not a surprise that my team-mates don't know either. And I know that after all the hype surrounding my signing it's going to be difficult for me."

"I am aware of some of the criticism I got in the World Cup. And, yes, I realise it's going to take time for everyone to accept

me here. But I do love it at Old Trafford. They are a fantastic group of players and we have hit it off straight away. We have a lot of laughs."

"The fans amaze me, too. Even though we lost 3-0 they still gave us a standing ovation at the end."

Stam is determined to block out the criticism that has plagued him since United unveiled him as their new signing in June. And he wasn't that disappointed in a performance that produced so many anti-Stam headlines.

He adds: "I was actually quite satisfied with the way I played. I was, after all, the only stranger on the field. But I admit we all need to get tighter at the back. Obviously as a team we were not so confident against Arsenal."

Then again, they have three top-class strikers and if Holland had had Overmars in the World Cup semi-final, we would have beaten Brazil and gone on to the final.

"But it was still a bad result for us. We have got to show that we are a big-game team again. I think, though, that we have enough quality to challenge for the Premiership title."

"We have just got to forget about the Charity Shield as soon as possible and focus on beating Lazio in the Champions' League qualifier on Wednesday."

On paper they do not look a strong side but it would be dan-

gerous to underestimate them."

Stam wasn't the only one of United's foreign legion down in the dumps.

Striker Ole Gunnar Solskjær was virtually inconsolable as he made a quick exit, licking his Wembley wounds.

He said: "It's a result that's so hard to take. I don't like to lose. It was my first experience of Wembley and to lose there the first time is not the best memory to have."

"We wanted to beat Arsenal. We have enormous pride. But we lost and there's nothing we can do about it. So we must now look forward to our match with Lazio. It's crucial we get a good result in the first leg."

This qualifier is more vital to us than most games we play this season. Defeat would be hard for me to stomach, and we have got to get over this Arsenal disappointment as quickly as possible. I won my first trophy with United, and it gave me a special feeling that I want more."

United yesterday announced that their new TV channel, MUTV, would be available on the new Sky digital channels, and eventually cable, for £4.99 a month.

Manager Alex Ferguson said: "I think it is a fantastic idea, and for years I have been advocating it because it gives people the chance to see the real Manchester United."

Newcastle beat Juventus 2-1

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug 11 (Reuters/Internet): Newcastle United beat Juventus 2-1 in a pre-season friendly on Monday.

Excellent long range first half goals by impressive new signing, German international Dietmar Hamann, and veteran defender Stuart Pearce proved decisive in an open match played before more than 30,000 fans at St James' Park.

Frenchman Jocelyn Blanchard, transferred from Metz in the summer, spectacularly curled in Juve's goal a minute from time.

Juventus, last year's European Cup runners-up and Italian champions, had two goals disallowed for offside.

United looked impressive all night and are now unbeaten in their five pre-season games.

They begin their premier league campaign at home to promoted Charlton Athletic on Saturday while Juventus kick off in Serie A at Perugia on September 13.

Bundesliga begins this weekend Bayern's eyes on title

BONN, Aug 11 (Reuters): Bayern Munich are everybody's title favourites for the new Bundesliga campaign starting this weekend and new coach Ottmar Hitzfeld says he knows exactly what is expected from him.

"Not only can we win the title, we must win it," said the man who steered Borussia Dortmund to the European Cup in 1997.

Hitzfeld has taken over from Italian Giovanni Trapattoni, who struggled to communicate in German and to keep his players under firm control.

Trapattoni's achievements last season — second place in the league and victory in the German Cup — would have been good enough for most clubs but Bayern expect much more.

"We have to be more successful and we have to play more attractive football," said club president Franz Beckenbauer, who will not be happy with just another Bundesliga title.

What the former World Cup-winning captain and coach dearly wants is success in the European Cup, which has eluded the club since the last of their three consecutive victories in 1976.

The return of enfant terrible Stefan Effenberg, who played for Bayern between 1990 and 1992, provides a symbol for their willingness to make a fresh start.

Effenberg, famous for being sent home from the 1994 World Cup after making an obscene gesture to fans, flirted with relegation with Borussia Moenchengladbach last season.

The gifted but temperamental playmaker is not the only newcomer. Young international midfielder Jens Jeremies and Iranian striker Ali Daei also came to reinforce the squad.

"It is the strongest team we have had in 20 years," said manager Uli Hoeness, a prominent figure of Bayern's formidable side of the 1970s.

Champions Kaiserslautern, who last season became the first promoted club to win the title since the Bundesliga started in 1963, will find it hard to upset the heavyweights again and have less ambitious aspirations this time.

"We want to finish in the top five," said coach Otto Rehhagel. "That's what we want to do year

after year from now on, to make sure we play in an European club competition."

Kaiserslautern have strengthened their squad with the addition of Egyptian defenders Hany Ramzy and Samir Ibrahim, both members of the team who lifted the African Nations' Cup last February.

They will rely chiefly on the playmaking skills of Ciriaco Sforza and on the scoring instinct of veteran international striker Olaf Marschall.

Bayern's most dangerous title rivals might well be Borussia Dortmund, eager to make up for a disastrous season which saw them end up 10th after suffering badly from injuries all season.

The wealthy Ruhr Valley club bought gifted Togolese striker Bachirosu Salou from neighbours MSV Duisburg and hope the arrival from Karlsruhe SC of midfielder Thomas Haessler will add spark to their midfield.

Haessler will play alongside fellow German international Andreas Meoller and the duo could work wonders if they can improve on their disappointing showing at the World Cup finals in France this summer.

New Dortmund coach Michael Skibbe said he hoped libero Matthias Sammer, still nursing a serious injury on his troublesome left knee, would be able to resume playing after missing the World Cup.

"We're counting on him but we're not putting him under any kind of pressure," said Skibbe, at 33 the youngest coach in the Bundesliga.

Other teams to watch include Bayer Leverkusen, who played in the first time last season and want to confirm that they deserve to stay amongst the big guns.

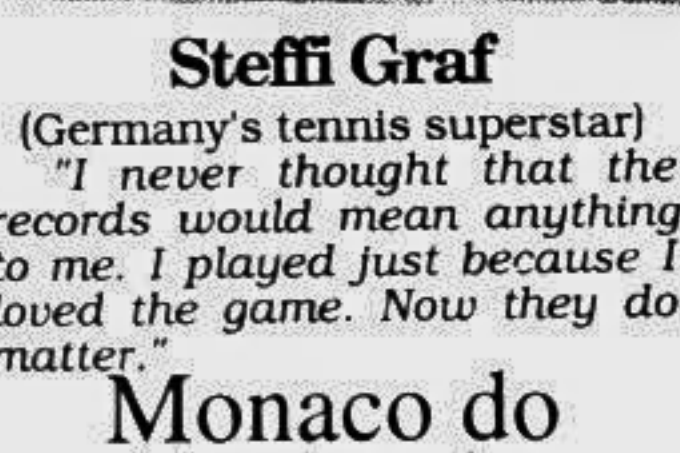
They have paid Flamengo 12 million marks (6.75 million dollars) for Brazilian international midfielder Ze Roberto in the most expensive German transfer of the summer.

After two years in the Second Division, once-again Eintracht Frankfurt are back in the top flight with a young team short on Bundesliga experience but full of enthusiasm.

The other promoted clubs, Nuremberg and SC Freiburg, have no other ambition than to avoid an instant return to the Second Division.

Even before their opening Bundesliga game away to VfL Wolfsburg on Saturday, Bayern face Obilic Belgrade in the first leg of their Champions' League qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

The kind of form they displayed in crushing VfB Stuttgart 4-0 in Saturday's pre-season League Cup final suggest earning their ticket to the Champions' League will be merely a formality.



Steffi Graf

(Germany's tennis superstar) "I never thought that the records would mean anything to me. I played just because I loved the game. Now they do matter."

Monaco do not want to let Henry go

MONACO, Aug 11 (Reuters/Internet): Monaco are determined to keep their French World Cup winger Thierry Henry, who has said he wants to leave the club to join former coach Arsene Wenger at Arsenal, a French daily reported on Tuesday.

"He's known my stance for a long time. Thierry made his name at Monaco. We're counting on him. He's staying, period," Monaco president Jean-Louis Campora said.

"In the next 10 days or so I'll see him, tete a tete, without his agents... I'll propose an extension of his contract," Campora told L'Equipe sports daily.

Henry, who has three years to go on his contract with 1997 champions Monaco, has been linked with several big European clubs.

Winter Games purse, the standard for WC 2002

TOKYO, Aug 11: The president of Japan's Football Association said today he wants Japan's World Cup organising committee to match the 4.4 billion yen (31.5 million dollars) profit achieved at the Winter Olympics in Nagano last February, reports Reuters.

"I hope we'll be able to achieve the same level of profit (as the Nagano Olympic Organising Committee) at the 2002 World Cup," Shunichiro Okano told the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Tokyo.

"We don't want to lose money," added Okano. "We also don't want to lose our reputation in organising a big international sporting festival. It (the ability to make a profit) will be a reflection of the success of the Japan Organising Committee."

Okano, who listed making a profit from the World Cup as one of his goals as JFA president, said he hopes shortly to discuss the financing of the competition with FIFA. At present Japan does not even know how much money it will get from TV rights.

Asked whether Japan could

step in to host the World Cup on its own if South Korea was forced to withdraw Okano said he had never considered the possibility of Korea pulling out.

"We have very good cooperation and collaboration so I have never imagined the Korean Football Association will withdraw their candidacy or their right to host the World Cup," he said.

South Korea's economic problems have raised the prospect that the country will reduce the number of stadiums used for the World Cup. But Okano said Japan stands ready to help.

Van Hooijdonk put on sale

NOTTINGHAM, Aug 11: Nottingham Forest has put Dutch World Cup striker Pierre van Hooijdonk on the transfer list — with an asking price of 8 million pounds (13.2 million dollars), reports AP.

Van Hooijdonk has refused to report to the club, so Forest manager Dave Bassett decided to put him up for sale.

"It was inevitable really that Pierre wasn't going to come back," Bassett said. "He felt that his decision was right and he really wants to move. He wants to try and fix himself up with a club rather quickly."

Van Hooijdonk cost Forest 4 million (6.4 million dollars) when the club bought him from Celtic in March 1997.

SIX NO TRUMPS
A K Sayeedul Huq
SOUTH MANOEUVRED A DESIRED LEAD
 (Hand # 64)

West	North	East
♠: QXXXX	♠: XX	♠: XX
♥: K10X	♥: J9XX	♥: XX
♦: K109	♦: XX	♦: QJXXX
♣: XX	♣: AKQ10X	♣: JXXX

BIDDING (East-West vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
1C*	Pass	1S**	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Pass
4D	Pass	4H	Pass
6H	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Artificial, 18 or more HCP
 ** Artificial, 10-12 HCP

When South discovered a 4-4 Heart fit, he became ambitious. He tried to visualise partner's holding of 10-12 HCP: AKQ of Clubs, J of Hearts and Q of Spades (maximum), or K of Hearts, AK [(with 5 cards) of Clubs] minimum, or J of Hearts, Q of Diamonds, and AK of Clubs, and so on. He therefore made an attempt to manoeuvre West to lead a Spade. Thus, when partner supported Hearts, he bid 4D to show as if Diamonds were his second suit. North truthfully showed his minimum holding in the range of 10-12 HCP and signed off at 4 Hearts. However, an ambitious South pushed on to 6 Hearts.

THE PLAY

West did not like to open the lead from Diamond or start from the enemy suit of Clubs. Of course he could not lead from K10X of Hearts. He fell in the trap of South by leading the 4th best Spades. On winning the J of Spades, declarer went to dummy with a Club, led a Small Heart; played the Q of Hearts which was lost to West. In the hope of stopping potential Diamond ruffs in dummy, West returned a Heart. However, declarer was in control; after clearing the trumps, he ruffed a Club to set up two Club tricks, ruffed a Spade in dummy to make a little slam in Hearts. Note that with an opening lead of Diamond or a Club the slam cannot be made.



Newcastle's German international Dieter Hamann (R) is under pressure from Dimas of Juventus during a friendly match at St James' Park, Newcastle on August 10. Hamann scored with a stunning 30-yard blast as the Magpies won 2-1. — AP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tray	42 Past	2 Hot tub	23 Play-ground game
4 Cougar	44 Heart	3 Printout	27 Tibetan beast
8 '80s hairdo	46 Lt. Wolf, e.g.	4 Golf legend	29 Ruthless in business
12 IRS	50 Ping-pong machine	5 9mm sub-	30 Dusseldorf donkey
13 Black Sea arm	51 Full house, for one	6 Frier	31 Old Conn. words?
14 When shadows are shortest	52 The computer suffix	8 Enliven	35 Prized possession
15 Uncompromising	56 Noun suffix	9 Put one over on	36 Potential puffin
17 Tittle	57 Wicked	10 French restaurant	40 In a mad-cap way
18 Ill-it	59 Approach	11 — even	43 — and ahead
19 Cold War HQ	60 Say it isn't so	16 Cartoonist	45 Jones' partner
21 Envelope abbr.	61 Powell abbr.	20 Farm female	46 Genghis or Kublai
22 Important numero	1 Essen	21 Protrudes	47 Highway section
26 Bob's longtime partner			48 Erstwhile Peruvian
28 Mrs. Fred			49 Hub
32 Ravelli's opposite			53 Canine torename
34 Throttle			54 Brazilian resort
36 Relaxed			55 Tarzan portrayer
37 Gnomon of a sundial			
39 Where to go "in iliac time"			
41 Sleep			

DOWN

2 Sol. course	23 Play-ground game	27 Tibetan beast	29 Ruthless in business	30 Dusseldorf donkey	31 Old Conn. words?	35 Prized possession	36 Potential puffin	40 In a mad-cap way	43 — and ahead	45 Jones' partner	46 Genghis or Kublai	47 Highway section	48 Erstwhile Peruvian	49 Hub	53 Canine torename	54 Brazilian resort	55 Tarzan portrayer
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Solution time: 23 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1. JET
2. LOAF
3. UFTO
4. UNO
5. ALIDA
6. ROLL
7. BOY
8. PLACERICK
9. SWIGAR
10. TARI
11. ROWS
12. ANDES
13. KICKBACK
14. DARE
15. EGRUS
16. NTE
17. HIGH
18. STIL
19. DICKICK
20. ANTED
21. PUCE
22. COS
23. GREY
24. KICKSTAND
25. AXE
26. IDOL
27. ERIE
28. VIAN
29. MOPE
30. MEND
31. EMS

CRYPTOQUIP

B K R H R X X L J T R Y X X S
 H R X B Y Y L S R Y T K Y F
 B J L V R Y V L W V I Y V R Y X X
 Y W F H L B I Y X X

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: DID WILLIAM PENN'S FOLLOWERS SOMETIMES WONDER IF HE HAD A POINT? Today's Cryptiquip clue: X equals I. The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.