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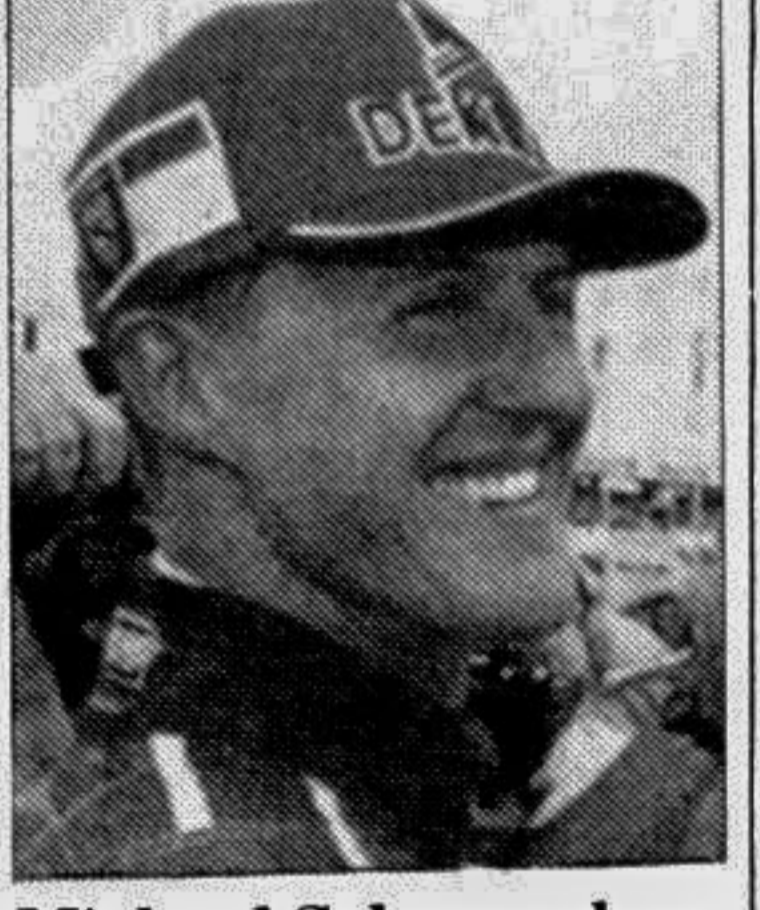


Chelsea's Uruguayan supersub Gustavo Poyet celebrates his strike against Real Madrid in the European Super Cup final in Monaco on August 28. The London team won on Poyet's goal.

Chelsea owe Poyet one

MONACO, Aug 29: Chelsea's underdogs beat Real Madrid 1-0 to lift the European Super Cup here on Friday night, thanks to a late strike from Uruguayan supersub Gustavo Poyet, reports AFP. Chelsea, the European Cup Winners' Cup holders, made a shaky start against the European champions, but grew in confidence in the second half before Poyet delivered his knockout blow in the 82nd minute. The Uruguayan striker, who was voted man-of-the-match, rounded off a perfect night for the Chelsea contingent among an 8,000 crowd at this millionaires' paradise. Real were left to count the cost of their missed chances, a lack of bite in the second half and some bad luck which saw them hit the woodwork with the Blues defence beaten. In a scrappy opening, Chelsea were ragged in defence and woefully short of ideas moving forward, while the Spaniards' cool assurance and superior ball skills gave them a clear edge. Spanish favourite Raul skied an early opportunity but only a couple of last-minute interceptions by a superb Frank Leboeuf and a solid Michael

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Michael Schumacher (German Formula One champion) "It is definitely the wrong time and wrong place to have my worst qualifying of the season."

At this year's German Grand Prix, Scoglio Tunisia's new soccer coach

TUNIS, Aug 29: Italian Francesco Scoglio was appointed Tunisia's football coach here on Friday following a shakeout after the team's poor World Cup showing, reports AFP. The 54-year-old Italian, who formerly coached Torino and Genoa, replaced sacked Henri Kasparczak. Tarek ben Mbarek, president of the Tunisian Football Federation, said Scoglio, believed to be earning 15,000 dollars a month, would be judged on the team's qualifying results for the 2000 African Nations Cup and 2002 World Cup. Kasparczak, from Poland, currently coaches French side Bastia. Tunisia lost to England and Colombia in the World Cup and drew with Romania. He almost scored when his

SIX NO TRUMPS A K Sayeedul Huq

THE SLAM MADE BUT THE CONTRACT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REACHED! (Hand # 79) BIDDING South (Mizan) West (Zaglu) North (Sayeed) East (Mazumdar)

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Duberry kept the European champions out. Chelsea's first scoring chance came in the 17th minute, when Gianfranco Zola drilled in a cross from the right. Pierluigi Casiraghi failed to connect and the onrushing Cesare Baffaro somehow managed to skew his volley 90 degrees off-target. Leboeuf kept up the spoiling tactics at the back, but Real came literally an inch from scoring in the 35th minute when defender Fernando Hierro drove a superb 25-yard freekick over the Chelsea wall. The curling shot beat goalkeeper Ed de Goeij but cracked against the inside of the left hand post and flashed back across the undefended goal. Chelsea's luck held again minutes later, when Brazil's Roberto Carlos split their defence with a throughball for Predrag Mijatovic. The Yugoslav's clinical finishing in Amsterdam had decided the European Cup final, but in Monaco he rounded De Goeij and then sent his angled shot over the crossbar of an empty net. Leboeuf continued his star turn in the second half by clipping the outside of the Real post in the 52nd minute with a swirling effort from 22 yards and Casiraghi sent goalkeeper

Fifth joy for Leboeuf

MONACO, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): Chelsea's European Super Cup 1-0 win over Real Madrid gave French defender Frank Leboeuf a hand on a fifth trophy in a remarkable 15 month spell. A goal eight minutes from time through Uruguayan substitute Gustavo Poyet separated the Cup Winners' Cup holders from the European champions. Leboeuf had a superb game to help Chelsea lift the trophy and add to two English cup victories in the last two seasons and the Cup Winners' Cup. The Frenchman was also part of his country's World Cup triumph when he played in the final for suspended Laurent Blanc. On Friday, he kept Chelsea in the match in the first half when Real should have gone in front, then helped them push forward after the interval. He almost scored when his fine curling shot from the left hit the far post with goalkeeper Bodo Illgner beaten. The Frenchman should have taken the man-of-the-match award instead of Poyet, even if the Uruguayan midfielder made a significant difference to Chelsea's attack when he came on for the last half hour. "Leboeuf was excellent this evening," Chelsea's player-manager Gianluca Vialli said. "Thanks to this match the players have understood what we have to do and that's good for the (league) championship," the Italian said. Vialli, who did not play, recognised that Chelsea had luck on their side and that Real were short of match fitness. They only begin their Spanish championship campaign on Monday. "Real lacked rhythm because of a lack of championship matches," he said. Vialli felt fortunate that the referee did not immediately see he wanted to take off Gianfranco Zola to give Brian Laudrup his debut when the score was still 0-0. As Chelsea tried to attract

Vieri Lazio's for 5 years

ROME, Aug 29: Italian striker Christian Vieri joined Lazio from Atletico Madrid in a 48 billion lire (28 million US dollars) five-year deal on Friday, the Italian club said, reports Reuters. "With this acquisition Lazio is continuing its process of strengthening in order to reach its objective," the Rome club said in a statement. Atletico's decision to sell the strapping Vieri, scorer of 24 goals in Spain last season plus five at the World Cup finals, followed a breakdown in the working relationship between the player and the club's new coach, Arrigo Sacchi. Vieri, who joined Atletico from Juventus for 19.31 million dollars in July 1997, said he was glad to be coming home. "I wanted to return to Italy... and I was lucky enough that Lazio was interested in me." Vieri, 25, told reporters after the signing, "They're a great team and were the club keenest to have me, and I'm very happy to come to Lazio." The transfer fee was the third highest, topped only by the 34.83 million dollars Real Betis paid Sao Paulo for Denilson and the 29.7 million dollars Inter Milan gave Barcelona for Ronaldo. Before the breakdown in relations, Atletico had been full of praise for the striker whose distinctive looping running style at first amused and then impressed Spanish fans. After a stunning Vieri goal in a World Cup qualifier against Greece last October, Atletico's then coach Radomir Antic declared him the finest striker in Europe. Club director general Miguel Angel Gil this February called Vieri "a pillar of the team," saying: "We won't change him for (Inter Milan's) Ronaldo or 700,000 Ronaldos." But relations between Atletico and their prized asset deteriorated, with Vieri dropping from one game last season and fined an undisclosed sum for insulting Antic. Sacchi had reportedly been angered by Vieri's attitude in recent training sessions and was quoted on Tuesday as saying: "You'll never play for this club again while I'm here."



CHRISTIAN VIERI

Maturana to coach Colombia again?

BOGOTA, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): Francisco Maturana could return to coach Colombia's national team, soccer federation sources said on Friday. Maturana, who first coached the team between 1987 and 1994 before handing over to his assistant Hernan Dario Gomez, is currently top of the list of candidates for the job, sources at the Colombian Football Federation (FCF) said. Colombian Jorge Luis Pinto, Dutchman Leo Beenhaker, Romanian Angel Jordanescu and Yugoslav Slobodan Zecovic are also believed to be in the running. Maturana, who was recently coach of Ecuador and narrowly failed to get them to their first World Cup finals, had seemed unlikely to take on the job again after suffering death threats during the 1994 World Cup when Colombia failed to get beyond the first round. But, despite receiving offers from Costa Rica and Bolivia, he has publicly said that he would consider another stint. "I haven't been vaccinated against coaching the national team again," Maturana said. "I haven't ruled out the possibility of returning. I was simply coach in a period in which there were good things and bad things."

Under Maturana, Colombian soccer made important strides. The coach, which had only played at the World Cup once before he took over, qualified for the last three World Cups, although their performances in Italy, the United States and France were all disappointing. The new coach will have to rebuild the team and will have to find a way of overcoming the absence of midfield general Carlos Valderrama, who has been a regular fixture for more than a decade. Colombian commentators fear that the latest generation of players are not up to scratch and that the country risks falling back into the ranks of South American also-rans.

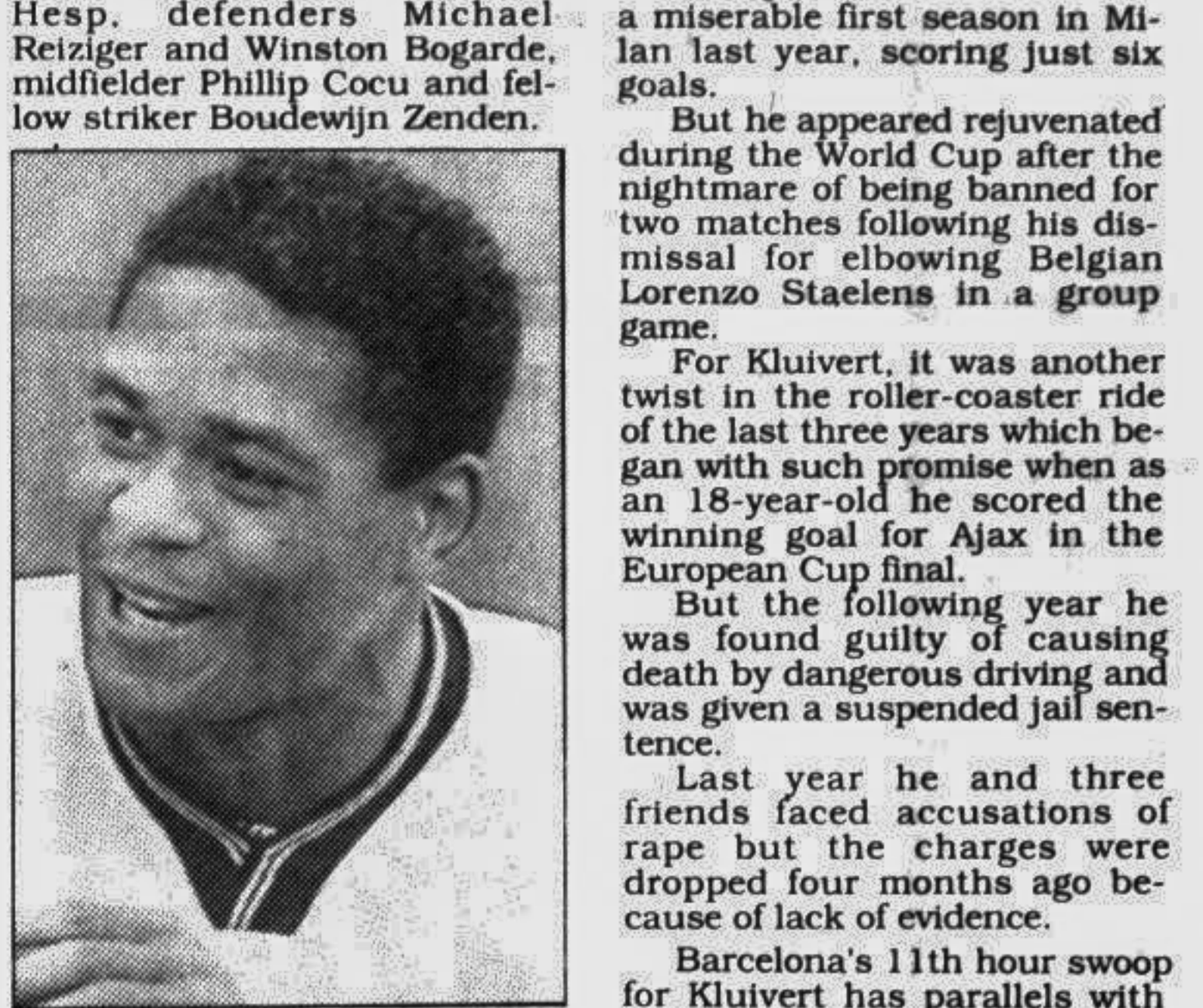
Costacurta, Pagliuca axed

ROME, Aug 29: Inter Milan's Gianluca Pagliuca and Alessandro Costacurta became the first casualties of Dino Zoff's reign as Italian coach on Friday when he left them out of his first national squad, reports Reuters. Zoff is charged with putting pride back into Italian soccer after a disappointing World Cup which saw the Azzurri lose in the quarterfinals to France. Naming his squad for the Euro 2000 qualifier against Wales on September 5, Zoff brought in new blood in the form of recent Atletico Madrid transfer Michele Serena and Udinese's Jonathan Banchini and Giuliano Giannichedda. AC Milan's Paolo Maldini, who wore the captain's shirt in the finals in France, was out of the running after suffering an injury playing against Juventus in a friendly.

SQUAD Goalkeepers: Gianluigi Buffon (Parma), Angelo Peruzzi (Juventus). Defenders: Fabio Cannavaro (Parma), Salvatore Fresi (Inter), Mark Iuliano (Juventus), Paulo Negro (Lazio), Christian Panucci (Real Madrid), Moreno Torricelli (Fiorentina). Midfielders: Demetrio Albertini (Milan), Jonathan Banchini (Udinese), Dino Baggio (Parma), Luigi Di Biaggio (Roma), Eusebio Di Francesco (Roma), Diego Fuser (Parma), Giuliano Giannichedda (Udinese). Forwards: Roberto Baggio (Inter), Enrico Chiesa (Parma), Alessandro del Piero (Juventus), Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus), Christian Vieri (Lazio).

Barca rope in Kluivert

BARCELONA, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): Barcelona coach Louis van Gaal has increased his contingent of Dutch internationals to six with the signing of Patrick Kluivert from AC Milan. The 22-year-old World Cup striker completed his \$13 million move to the Catalan club late on Friday - just minutes before the Spanish transfer deadline. Kluivert signed a four-year contract after agreeing personal terms with Barcelona officials in the Netherlands. Barcelona vice-president Joan Gaspart, who was locked in talks all day Friday with Milan officials as he sought to complete the 11th hour deal, confirmed the signing on Saturday. "We have signed Kluivert on a four-year contract, but we hope he stays with us for many more seasons to come." "We all know he is a great player, an exceptional player, and I'm just glad we have been able to bring him here now." Kluivert will certainly be well known to van Gaal and his Dutch colleagues in Barcelona's expensively assembled squad. At the Nou Camp he will link up with five other Dutch internationals -- goalkeeper Ruud



PATRICK KLUIVERT

That number could be increased over the course of the season as Gaspart insisted Frank and Ronald de Boer could yet become Barcelona players. The signing of Kluivert should deliver an extra touch of quality to a Barcelona side that have looked short of inspiration in pre-season games. The quicksilver striker had a miserable first season in Milan last year, scoring just six goals. But he appeared rejuvenated during the World Cup after the nightmare of being banned for two matches following his dismissal for elbowing Belgian Lorenzo Staelens in a group game. For Kluivert, it was another twist in the roller-coaster ride of the last three years which began with such promise when as an 18-year-old he scored the winning goal for Ajax in the European Cup final. But the following year he was found guilty of causing death by dangerous driving and was given a suspended jail sentence. Last year he and three friends faced accusations of rape but the charges were dropped four months ago because of lack of evidence. Barcelona's 11th hour swoop for Kluivert has parallels with last year when Van Gaal made a successful late bid to sign Brazilian forward Rivaldo from Deportivo Coruna. Rivaldo went on to top the scoring charts in the Spanish league as Barcelona cruised to the league title. Van Gaal is now banking on Kluivert to make a similar impression on Spanish football and lead the club to a successful title defence.

De Boer dilemma to go on

AMSTERDAM, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): The conflict between Ajax Amsterdam and twin brothers Frank and Ronald de Boer is set to drag on at least until the end of the year. Barcelona had offered Ajax 44 million guilders (\$21.80 million) for the want-away pair, but the Spanish league's deadline for registration was midnight on Friday. The De Boers failed to sign so must wait until at least mid-December and hope that Barcelona's Dutch trainer Louis van Gaal is still interested. The next transfer window is December 15 to January 15. The De Boers have already missed the deadline to take part in the Champions League stage of the European Cup -- at least for any club other than Ajax. The outcome is satisfactory for no one. Ajax keep the brothers on their books but are aware the two will not play again for the Amsterdam club. Barcelona miss out on signing the two and appear under-strength in midfield and defence, while the brothers are left to practise passing on their own.

Ajax arguably won a pyrrhic victory at the end of July when a Dutch football association (KNVB) arbitration commission ruled the De Boers must abide by their contracts which run until 2004. Only a year earlier the same committee ruled Marc Overmars could leave for Arsenal if the English club paid a certain sum. The brothers say Ajax broke an informal agreement reached within the past year under which Ronald left. They have also criticised the training regime of Ajax's coach Morten Olsen, saying it was uninspiring and based too much on fitness and too little on tactics. The personal criticism lost the brothers some public sympathy as well as the revelation that it was they who had wanted contracts running until 2004 when they signed in March 1997. Ajax had originally been seeking an extension until 2002. As for Barcelona, they face the prospect of a fine from world soccer's governing body FIFA after Ajax complained about their attempts to sign the brothers. Ajax say Barcelona breached FIFA regulations by making a definite salary offer while they were still employed by Ajax. Barcelona may ultimately lose interest in the pair. Coach Van Gaal has been criticised for signing so many Dutchmen. Late on Friday he added Patrick Kluivert to the squad after earlier signing Phillip Cocu and Boudewijn Zenden. This increases the club's Dutch tally to six. If the season starts badly, his Dutch contingent may come under more scrutiny. If things go well, he may no longer want to add two more. Appearing on Dutch television earlier in the week, Frank and Ronald remained adamant they wanted to leave Amsterdam but appeared resigned to their fate. Ronald said he could see little the pair could offer Ajax by way of compensation but brother Frank did express regret that his comments about Ajax coach Olsen had been made public. Ajax declined to say whether negotiations had taken place until the last moment but a spokeswoman said the club's stance remained that the brothers must stay.

Ruud's insignificant Day One

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug 29 (AP): The usually flamboyant Ruud Gullit suggested a careful, go-slow approach Friday in his first full day as Newcastle's manager. The 35-year-old Dutchman, who replaced Kenny Dalglish in a shock move Thursday at one of England's biggest clubs, said he will watch from the grandstand Sunday when the Magpies host Liverpool at St. James' Park. Gullit, the former Chelsea manager, confessed he's in no position yet to manage a team that has eked out two draws in its first two matches. "It would be difficult for me on Sunday to be on the bench for my first match," he said. "I want to see what the players' talents are and what their movements are like." Gullit indicated there would be no spectacular makeover or wholesale influx of new foreign players at Newcastle, which was the hallmark of his 21 months in charge at Chelsea. "At Chelsea I brought youngsters into the team and I'd like to do that also at Newcastle," he said. "Maybe you have to take it one step at a time, and I'd like to do that with this club. After that, I think there'll be a very

good future for this club." Speculation in the wake of his hiring quickly centered on the future of several players signed in the off-season by Dalglish -- French World Cup player Stephane Guivarch and German Dietmar Hamann -- and Newcastle's star England striker Alan Shearer. "The biggest disadvantage I have is I didn't have the pre-season with them," Gullit said. "So I have to get to know the boys, how they play and also make a team out of it, then we can see how we can play." Gullit sympathised with Dalglish, who was ousted after 19 months in the job. "That is a part of football that I don't like, but you just have to accept it," said Gullit, who is reportedly being paid 1 million pounds (1.6 million dollars) a year, the top manager's salary in the Premier league. "As a player, one day you could be here, one day you could be there," added the former AC Milan star. Gullit refuted suggestions that he was moving to a European backwater, a small city compared to the more glamorous London where Chelsea play. "If you want to be nasty you can say that," he said. "But people forget I played in Genoa, when I lived in a small town, while I also lived in Eindhoven, which was also a small town, and Rotterdam." Gullit also denied he had been approached by Tottenham to replace embattled Swiss coach Christian Gross. "Tottenham never approached me and all the speculation linking me with them was a smokescreen," he said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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