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The Italian national team warming up during training at Coviciano on September 3. The 'Azzurri' take on Wales in a Euro 2000 qualifier at Liverpool tomorrow. —AP/UNB photo

# Major League Soccer

**EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Sept 3:** First-half goals by Joe-Max Moore and Edwin Gorter carried the New England Revolution to a 2-0 Major League Soccer victory over the New York-New Jersey MetroStars on Wednesday, reports AP.

The victory gave New England coach Walter Zenga, who replaced Thomas Rongen on August 24, his first professional win. It also snapped a two-game Revolution losing streak, moved New England out of the cellar in the MLS Eastern Conference with a 9-19 record good for 23 points and kept their slim post-season hopes alive.

The MetroStars, who had already clinched a post-season berth, suffered their third straight setback, losing for the fourth time in their last five games. New York-New Jersey are now 14-14 with 38 points and remained in third place in the MLS East.

In Chicago, rookie Josh Wolff broke a 2-2 tie with his fourth MLS goal in the 84th minute as the Chicago Fire defeated the Miami Fusion.

The Fire (17-10) won both games this season against the league's other expansion club.

Wolff knocked a rebound into the net after Fusion goalie Matt Napoleon had made two diving saves just a minute earlier.

Ante Razov gave Chicago a 2-0 lead in the first half. He

scored in the 19th minute on a cross by Roman Koseck and in the 30th minute with an assist by Jerry Fobobrozny.

Miami (13-14) rallied on goals by rookie Tyrone Marshall and midfielder Henry Gutierrez. Marshall took a pass from Diego Serna in the 63rd minute and dribbled around Fire goalie Jorge Campos for his first career goal. Five minutes later, Gutierrez scored on a header with assists from Leo Cullen and Pablo Mastroeni.

In Denver, second-half substitute Wolde Harris scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Colorado Rapids to a victory over the Kansas City Wizards.

Ross Paule scored the game-winner on a give-and-go with Harris in the 84th minute as the Rapids (13-15, 35 points) took control of third place in the Western Conference with a six-point swing against the fifth-place Wizards (11-17, 29 points).

The Wizards took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by Digital Takawira, assisted by Paul Rideout and Preki. Takawira has scored 10 goals in 13 career games against Colorado.

Harris, who entered the match in the 59th minute, tied the score at 1-1 with an assist from Adrian Paz in the 72nd minute. Colorado took a 2-1 lead five minutes later when a shot by Paz deflected off Harris and beat Wizards goalkeeper

Mike Ammann inside the net post.

The Wizards tied the score at 2-2 in the 83rd minute when Mark Chung scored his second goal in as many games. Twenty seconds later, Paule netted the winning goal.

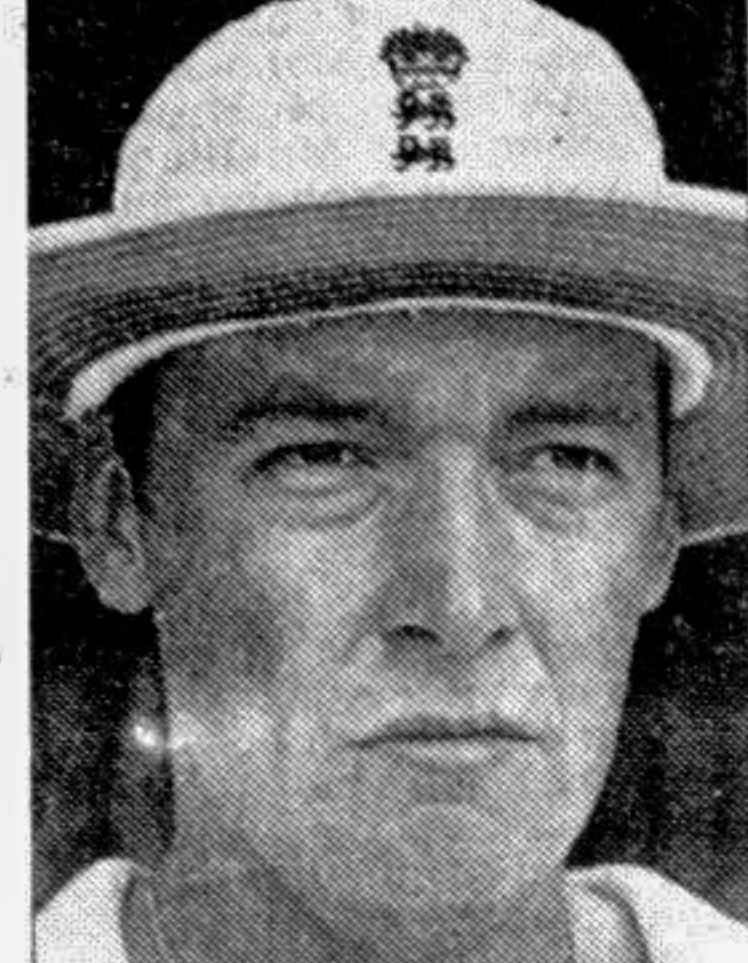
In Pasadena, California, Mauricio Cienfuegos scored in the first half and Carlos Hermsillo and Cobi Jones in the second as the Los Angeles Galaxy defeated the short-handed Dallas Burn.

Playing without three of their usual starters, including leading scorer Jason Kreis, Dallas took six shots, one on goal, both season lows.

Los Angeles goalkeeper Kevin Hartman made one save before being replaced by 9:50 to play by Matt Reis, who did not need to make a save to complete the Galaxy's fifth shutout.

The Western Conference-leading Galaxy (21-7, 61 points) improved to 17-2 against teams with losing records. The Burn (13-15, 31 points) remained two points ahead of Kansas City (11-17, 29 points) in the race for the conference's fourth and final playoff berth. Both teams have four matches remaining.

Los Angeles need two points in their final four matches or one Chicago loss to assure themselves of their second Western Conference championship in their three-season history.



**Angus Fraser**  
(England pace bowler)  
"When you lose, you just feel entirely numb. But having iron feet, sorry for the likes of Cronje, Donald, Rhodes, and Pollock, who played so well in the summer."  
After their Test series win against South Africa.

## ROK WC viewers top the list

**SINGAPORE, Sept 3:** South Koreans were the most avid viewers of World Cup television broadcasts in Asia with 97 per cent of the entire population watching the event, according to a survey released today, reports AFP.

The Chinese cities of Beijing and Guangzhou registered viewership of 86 per cent while Shanghai posted 84 per cent, the same as Thailand, according to a survey of 12 Asian cities by Asia Market Intelligence Ltd (AMI), a Hong Kong-based research outfit.

The Philippines registered the lowest France '98 viewership at 38 per cent, then again, the basketball-crazy nation would probably register the highest viewership for the NBA finals, an AMI statement said.

The survey also showed that the games themselves were more memorable than the major commercial sponsors, including some of the world's most familiar brands.

"Ask Asian World Cup viewers what they remembered about the avalanche of sponsors involved in the recent games, Chinese local sponsors made more of an impression than the official ones," AMI said.

Indonesians had the highest recall of any sponsor at 85 per cent of survey respondents, but were most familiar with local sponsors, particularly Gudang Garam, the local cigarette manufacturer.

The most widely remembered major sponsors were Coca-Cola, Adidas and Nike, but Coca-Cola registered a recall of only 22.13 per cent among Asian viewers.

## Blanchflower passes away

**MANCHESTER, England, Sept 3 (Reuters/Internet):** Jackie Blanchflower, one of the Manchester United players who survived the Munich Air Crash in 1958, has died at the age of 65.

Just two weeks ago he was a guest at Old Trafford for a benefit match for victims of the disaster which claimed the lives of 23 people including eight United players when their plane crashed on take-off after a refueling stop in Munich following a European Cup match in Belgrade.

Blanchflower, the younger brother of Tottenham Hotspur's 1961 Double-winning skipper Danny, was signed by Manchester United manager Matt Busby in 1949 and made 105 league appearances for United.

Although he survived the crash he was so badly injured he never played football again and later became an accountant.

# Media Partners getting increasingly confident

**PARIS, Sept 3:** Media Partners announced in a statement here Wednesday that the media group had had "extremely positive and productive meetings" on Monday and Tuesday with several clubs interested in joining a European Super League, reports AFP.

"I am more confident than ever in the modernisation of European football competitions by the 2000-2001 season," said Media Partners' president Rolf Hecht.

In its statement, Media Partners said that its proposed European Football League (EFL) "would be 100 per cent-owned by the clubs."

It added that "the clubs are keen on offering UEFA an administrative and regulatory

role, based on the model of links between the British federation (the FA) and the Premier League."

Hecht's statements regarding the two days of talks in London came after European football's governing body UEFA had refused, during a meeting of its executive committee in Monaco last weekend, to discuss the issue with what it called "a private enterprise having only commercial and not sporting interests at heart."

The opening moves towards a Super League at the expense of the existing, UEFA-run, European Cup competitions have sent ripples of concern through the game. Premiership's leading lights Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool have all expressed an interest in the scheme.

The English football associ-

ation has warned that players from clubs joining a non-FA-sanctioned league would not be allowed to play for England.

Following a meeting of its executive committee on Tuesday, FA chairman Keith Wiseman said that the Media Partners proposals appeared to suggest that would be Super League rebels' thought they could play in 'both official and unofficial' football. He said such an assumption was not credible.

Wiseman also said he believed that if the UEFA-run competitions and domestic leagues were usurped by a commercial venture, such as that being proposed by Media Partners, much of the resulting revenue would be lost to the game as the commercial interests involved would cream off a percentage.

Media Partners later revealed a blueprint for a two-competition EFL. The Super League as such would involve 36 clubs in two pools of 18 playing on a home-and-away basis.

There would be 18 founder clubs (the 16 major clubs invited to talks and two others to be selected, chosen on the basis of their performances in the past decade). They would be automatic qualifiers, although their status would be reviewed every three years based on performances.

The elite 16 who have already reportedly had contact with Media Partners are AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus, Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Real Madrid, Barcelona, Marseille, Paris Saint Germain, Benfica, Ajax, Panathinaikos and Galatasaray.

In addition there would be 18 clubs winning their national championships.

The second event, the Pro Cup, would involve a further 96 teams playing on a knockout basis home-and-away. They would comprise national cup winners and other teams selected on their performances over the past ten years.



Action from the Major League Soccer match between New England Revolution and New York/New Jersey Metro Star at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford on September 2. Revolution won 2-0. —AP/UNB photo

## Hamann out of action

**LONDON, Sept 3:** Newcastle midfielder Dietmar Hamann has been ruled out for two months after suffering ligament damage in Sunday's 4-1 defeat by Liverpool, reports AFP.

The German international limped out of the St James' Park game after just 12 minutes before Newcastle collapsed in Ruud Gullit's first game in charge.

## Germany struggle

**VALLETTA, Sept 3:** Germany's post World Cup reconstruction started in unimpressive fashion with a 2-1 victory over Malta on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The three-time world champions, playing their first match since their shock 3-0 quarter final defeat by Croatia in France last July, needed a second half goal from substitute Stephan Passlack to tame their unfancied hosts.

Borussia Muenchengladbach defender Passlack, playing for his country for the third time, struck with a brilliant volley from just inside the penalty area in the 72nd minute.

Germany moved in front after six minutes when Maltese defender Darren Debono diverted a corner kick from midfielder Mario Basler into his own goal with his knee.

Malta, relying on counter attacks, levelled in the 26th minute when midfielder Joe Brincat, beautifully set up by veteran playmaker Carmel Busuttill, beat Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn from close range.

Head coach Berti Vogts cast aside his old guard after the World Cup finals but opted for gradual change, naming only two uncapped players in this starting line-up — Hansa Rostock defender Marko Rehmer and Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Stefan Beinlich.

Bayern Munich midfielder Stefan Effenberg, playing his first international since being sent home from the 1994 World Cup finals after making an obscene gesture to German fans, took care of the playmaking duties with authority.

Germany will face stronger opposition on Saturday when they play Romania, also in Malta.

## Espanyol to part with Bielsa in Dec

**BARCELONA, Sept 3:** Espanyol's Marcelo Bielsa will be free to apply for the vacant position of Argentina coach from December when he will be freed from his contract, the club said here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Bielsa, 43, will be able to tear up his existing one-year deal even earlier if Espanyol find a replacement in the coming weeks, president Daniel Sanchez Libre said.

The agreement to let Bielsa go early comes after the Argentine Football Association approached him to replace Daniel Passarella, who quit after the World Cup. Initially, Espanyol had refused to let him go.

"Coaching the Argentine team would be the crowning glory of my professional life," said Bielsa.

He added he would head for Buenos Aires in the coming days to thrash out a contract with the AFA, taking advantage of a blank week in the Spanish league calendar owing to Spain's Euro 2000 qualifier against Cyprus.

Bielsa had feared a hot reception last weekend at the club's Montjuic stadium prior to the 2-1 opening-day win over Tenerife after revealing he was to leave the club.

But many of the 30,000 fans chanted his name and called for him to stay.

## Yugoslavia held

**NIS, Yugoslavia, Sept 3:** Yugoslavia and Switzerland drew 1-1 in a fast moving friendly on Wednesday with second half goals from Dejan Stankovic and David Sesa, reports Reuters.

The Swiss looked stronger in the first half with Stephane Henchoz and Stefan Wolf keeping Yugoslav strikers Darko Kovacevic and Predrag Mijatovic in check and Stephane Chapuisat testing keeper Fvica Krajl several times.

But halftime substitutions in the form of Stuttgart's Kristijan Djordjevic and Olympiakos stars Predrag Djordjevic and Iljija Ivc added zest to the Yugoslav game.

In the 51st minute, Savo Milosevic, a substitute for Kovacevic, outdribbled Stefan Wolf and Regis Rothenbuehler on the right and sent a fine cross to Lazio's teenage star Stankovic, who climbed and headed in past Andreas Hillfiker.

It was Stankovic's third international goal.

The Yugoslavs then slowed and were punished seven minutes later, when Chapuisat stormed in from the left and shot wide, but Patrick Mueller picked up the ball and returned it to Sesa, who sent in a low shot from penalty spot range.

Marco Grassi was sent off shortly before the whistle for retaliation.

## Manchester City may shift base

**LONDON, Sept 3:** Manchester City on Wednesday said they were looking to leave their Maine Road home and move to a new 90 million pound state-of-the-art stadium, reports AFP.

City, currently in Division Two, their lowest-ever league position, are negotiating to use the East Manchester venue, being built to stage the 2002 Commonwealth Games, as their permanent base from 2003.

The 50,000-seater stadium is to be funded through 77 million lottery money allocated by the English Sports Council and 13 million from Manchester City Council.

# Wait for Ronaldo extended

**MILAN, Italy, Sept 3:** Ronaldo's awaited re-entry to the world of football is on hold after he watched Wednesday's 1-1 friendly draw between Inter Milan and Bologna from the stands at the San Siro, reports AFP.

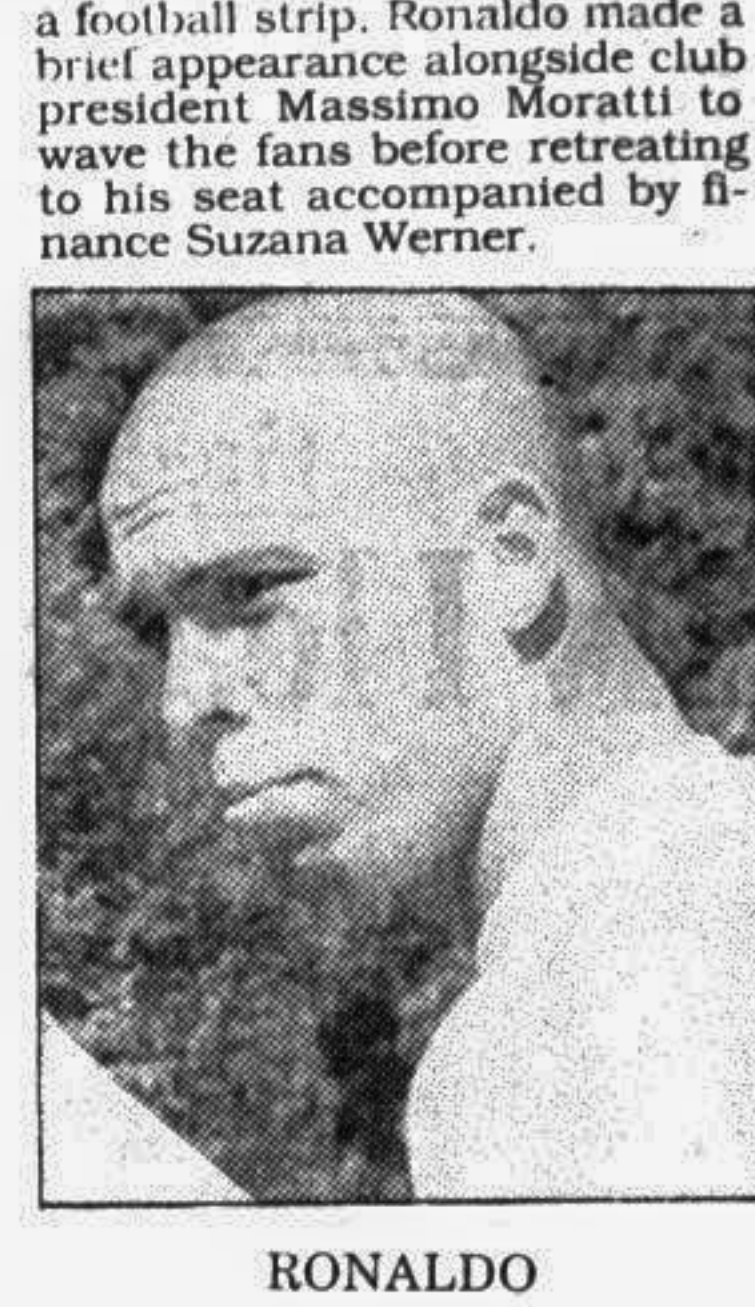
The Brazilian superstar had been expected to make a late showing as a sub, but he will now don Inter's black and blue in the Italian Cup next week at Cesena.

Inter coach Gigi Simoni and club doctor Piero Volpi want to ensure the youngster is not thrown back into the melee of the Serie A prematurely.

"He is not quite ready to play yet and would risk injury if he did."

It's better he comes back gradually, I hope to count on him for the Cesena match," said Simoni.

Dressed in a suit rather than



RONALDO

a football strip. Ronaldo club a brief appearance alongside club president Massimo Moratti to watch the fans before retreating to his seat accompanied by fiancée Suzana Werner.

"I saw that the fans were very happy and I am pleased about that. My preparations are going well and I am ready for the cup match."

"The World Cup is behind me and I am totally back to normal," said Ronaldo, who suffered convulsions before Brazil's World Cup final loss to France, a match in which he was largely anonymous.

The striker, who only arrived back in Italy last week, recuperated with a month-long break in Brazil and Mexico.

Ronaldo will meanwhile miss Brazil's first post-World Cup friendly on September 23 against Yugoslavia at Sao Luiz after a selection panel and federation president Ricardo Teixeira decided not to call him up and to experiment with fringe players.

The match will mark the first game in charge of Wanderley Luxemburgo, who has replaced Mario Zagallo.

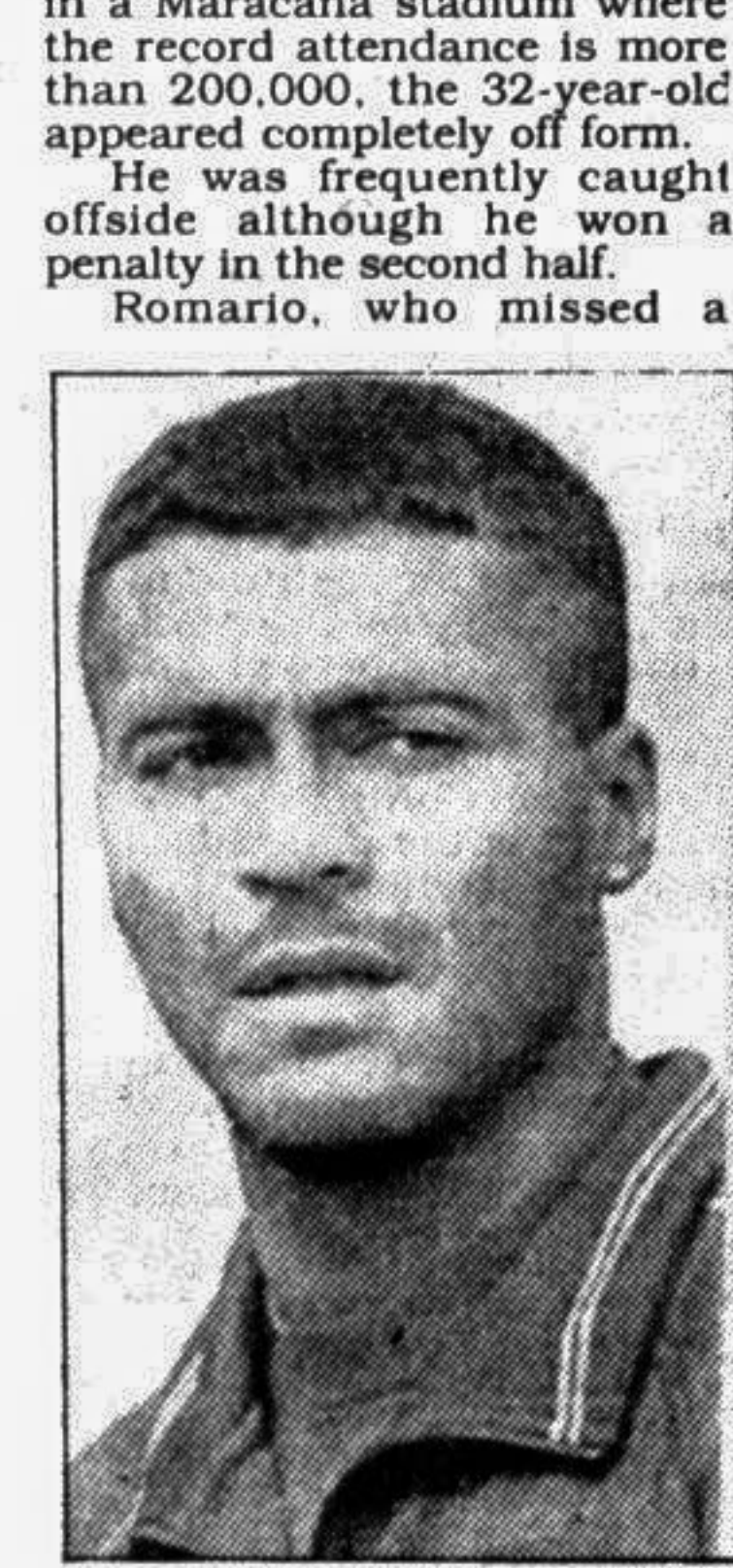
# Flamengo-Romario flop show

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 3 (Reuters/Internet):** Flamengo and their striker Romario suffered further indignity on Wednesday as only 791 fans paid to watch them lose 2-0 to Boca Juniors of Argentina in the Copa Mercosur.

To add insult to injury, Boca Juniors fielded their reserve team, resting top players for the Argentine championship.

Flamengo, Brazil's most popular club, have gone six games without a win and Romario, who has been plagued by injuries, has been routinely jeered off the field.

In Wednesday's game, played



ROMARIO

in a Maracana stadium where the record attendance is more than 200,000, the 32-year-old appeared completely off form.

He was frequently caught offside although he won a penalty in the second half.

Romario, who missed a

clubs regularly fielding reserve teams due to fixture congestion.

Vasco da Gama, crowned South American champions last week, followed the trend by sending a second-string outfit to Argentina to face River Plate in a match on Thursday evening.

The first team were in action in a Brazilian championship match on Wednesday when they lost 2-1 at home to Portuguesa.

Argentina's Velez Sarsfield top group D with six points from two games while Cerro Porteno of Paraguay, Flamengo and Boca have three each.

Wednesday's other games were in group B where Palmeiras of Brazil beat Universidad de Chile 2-1 in Santiago to claim maximum points from three games.

Independiente of Argentina beat Nacional of Uruguay 4-3 in Buenos Aires, leaving both on three points.

## Wright calls it a day

**LONDON, Sept 3:** Liverpool defender Mark Wright is retiring from the game after failing to shrug off a persistent back injury, reports AFP.

The 35-year-old who won 45 England caps and made more than 600 senior appearances with Oxford, Southampton, Derby and the Anfield club, has been out of action for almost a year.

Now Wright, who captained Liverpool to their FA Cup success in 1992, is looking for a career in coaching and management.

He said: "It's an acute back injury. I can run in a straight line, but it's impossible to play because I can't run, twist or turn. I've done everything I could to get back because I was prepared to do anything. That's how much I wanted to play, but football is now a definite no."



A scene from the Mercosur Cup fixture between Argentina's Independiente and Nacional of Uruguay at Buenos Aires on September 2. —AP/UNB photo

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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**LEPTEND SKIM**  
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**COMB GRIDIRON**  
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**Yesterday's answer**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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P C K C J K T F V Y F I D E J C P I K

Yesterday's Cryptquip: COULDN'T YOU TRULY SAY THAT THE HEAD NURSE CALLS THE SHOTS?

Today's Cryptquip clue: P equals V

The Cryptquip 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.