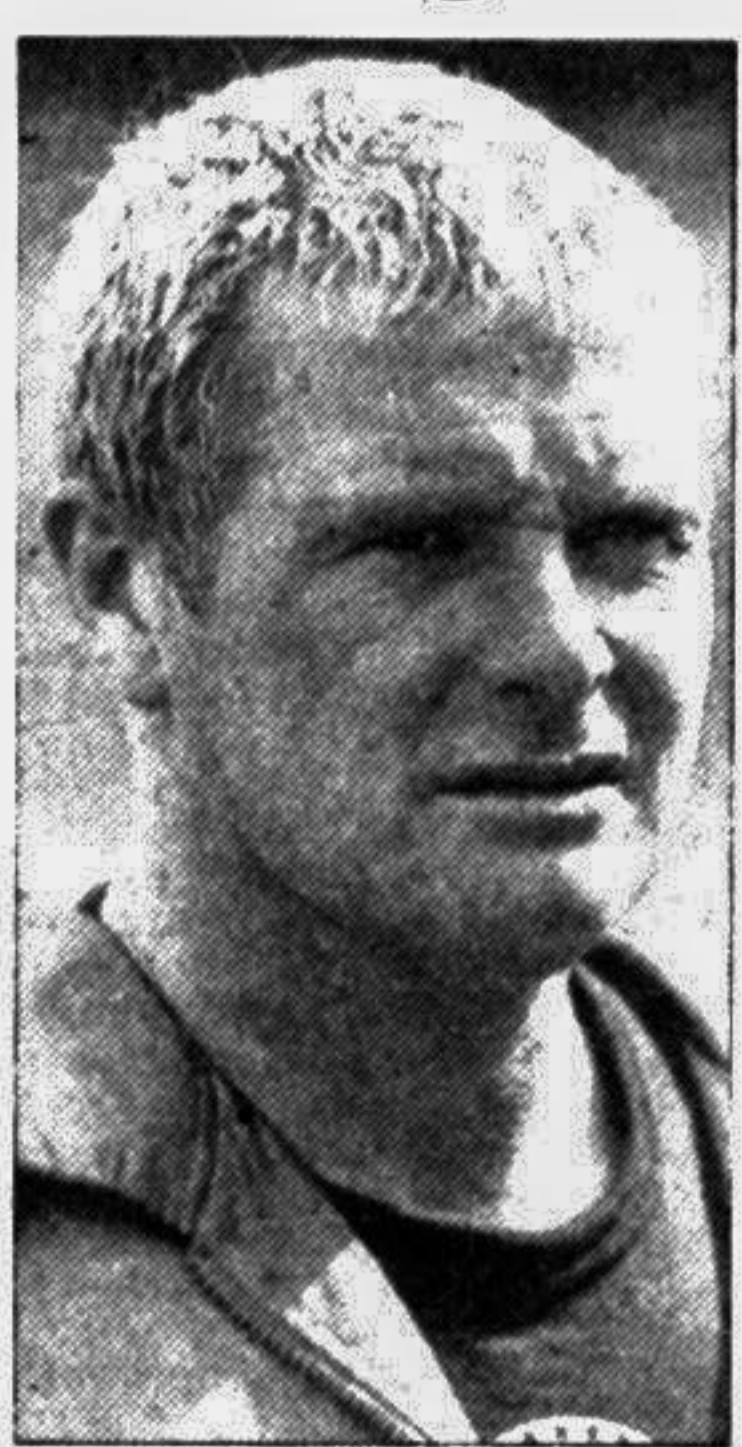


Zidane hopes for the best

TURIN, Italy, Sept 25: Zinedine Zidane is planning another World Cup-winning performance when the Juventus ace takes on Parma this weekend, reports AFP.

Weary Gazza fights for recall

MIDDLESBROUGH, H. Sept 25: Reuters/Internet: A weary sense of resignation gnaws at Paul Gascoigne these days. You can see it in his eyes and in the way he plays.



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Wembley on 10 October and then travel to Luxembourg four days later.

field players. That is why Gascoigne, now 31 and under the wing of former England captain Bryan Robson at Middlesbrough, may return to the Huddle equation.

Meligeni meets Voinea in Davis

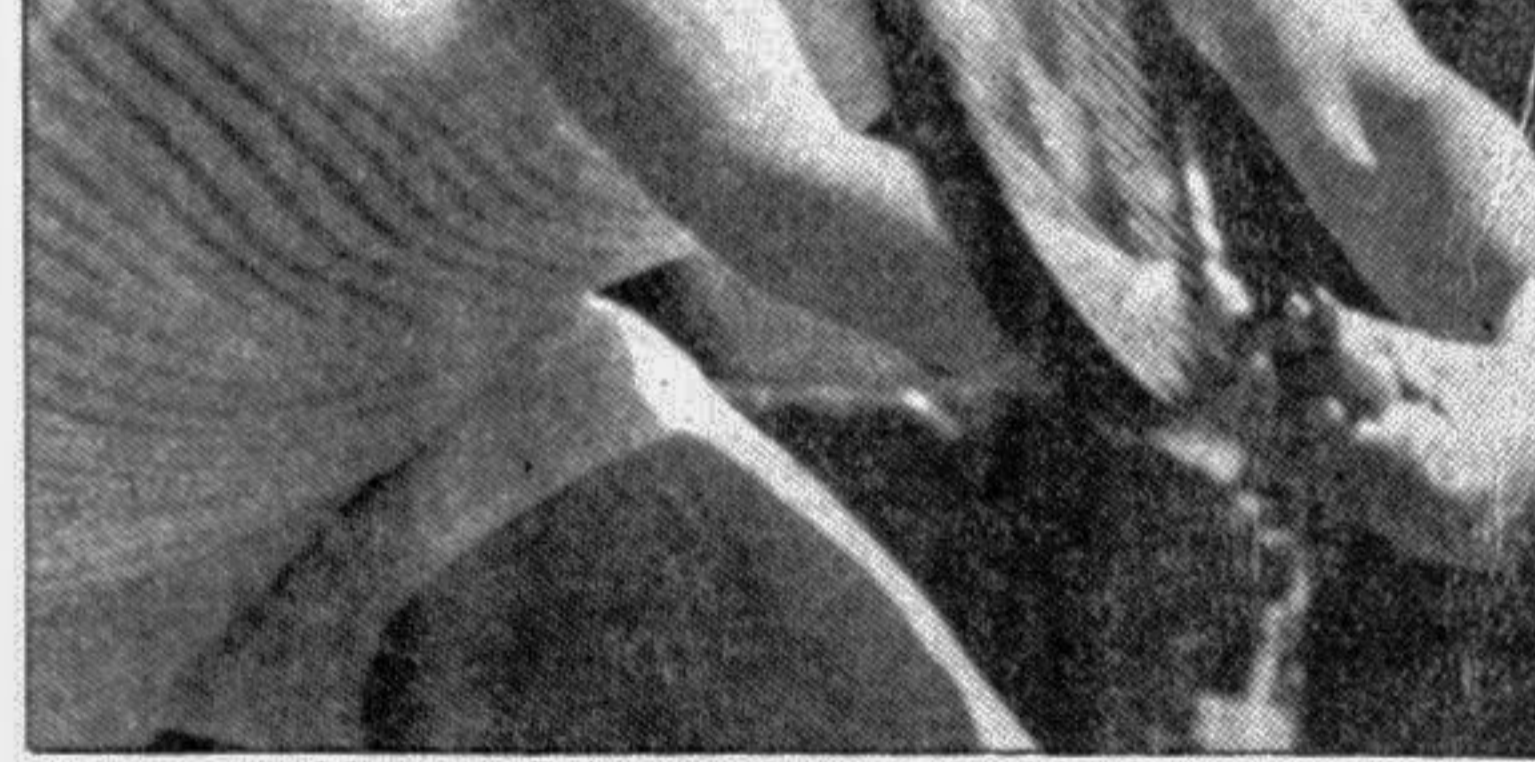
FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil, Sept 25: Fernando Meligeni will lead Brazil's bid to stay alive in the elite World Group in the first game of Davis Cup match against Romania on Friday, reports AP.

Arantxa, Monica in semis

TOKYO, Sept 25: Top seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario picked apart Anna Kournikova's attacking game in gusty winds Friday, advancing to the semifinals of the Toyota Princess Cup, reports AP.

seeking her third consecutive Toyota title, advanced by overpowering France's Julie Halard-Decugis 6-2, 6-1. She yielded only four points in the first five games of the second set.

one hour Sanchez-Vicario needed to win. The winds presented new problems after three days of playing mostly with the roof closed on the Ariake Co's stadium because of rain.



American Monica Seles makes a double-fisted forehand return against French Julie Halard-Decugis during their Princess Cup quarterfinal clash in Tokyo yesterday. Seles won the match 6-2, 6-1.

European soccer outlook

PARIS, Sept 25: Something has to give when Italian pacesetter AC Milan and Fiorentina clash in Europe's top fixture Saturday night, apart from reigning champions Juventus they are the only teams who have pocketed a maximum six points from their first two Serie A games, reports AFP.

belief last weekend with a win over Piacenza thanks to a penalty from Ronaldo.

Russian midfielder Valery Karpin banned for four matches for swearing at a referee.

Moeller ready for national duty

BONN, Sept 25: Veteran midfielder Andreas Moeller has said he will be available for selection under new Germany coach Erich Ribbeck, reports Reuters.

AC Milan will again be looking to German World Cup striker Oliver Bierhoff for a winning edge if he makes Saturday's starting lineup.

Libregts won't coach Nigeria

LAGOS, Sept 25 (AFP): Dutchman Thijs Libregts has turned down a coaching job with Nigeria in a disagreement over the conditions offered a press report said Thursday.

Aussies take 2-0 lead

TOWNSVILLE, Australia, Sept 25: US Open champion Patrick Rafter and teammate Jason Stoltenberg overcame early resistance Friday to lead Australia into a 2-0 lead over Uzbekistan in a Davis Cup World Group qualifying tie Friday, reports AP.

strong backhand of Ogorodov. A rusty Rafter made some uncharacteristic volleying errors as he exchanged breaks with the loping Ogorodov to make it 2-2.

"I knew that if I could make him play enough balls and keep him under pressure he was going to make some errors and I'd come up with a couple of good shots here and there," said Rafter.

The Daily Star TV Guide

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Soldier Soldier
Sweet Revenge on Star World tonight at 10
In Sweet Revenge, while Fusilier Dave Tucker takes on Macaulay in the zoo, Donna unwittingly lets Corporal Bryan Casey into her home.



Megamovie
Chain Reaction on Star Movies tonight at 10
Keanu Reeves stars as Eddie Kasalovich, a student machinist and Rachel Weisz plays scientist Lily Sinclair in this explosive action thriller.

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