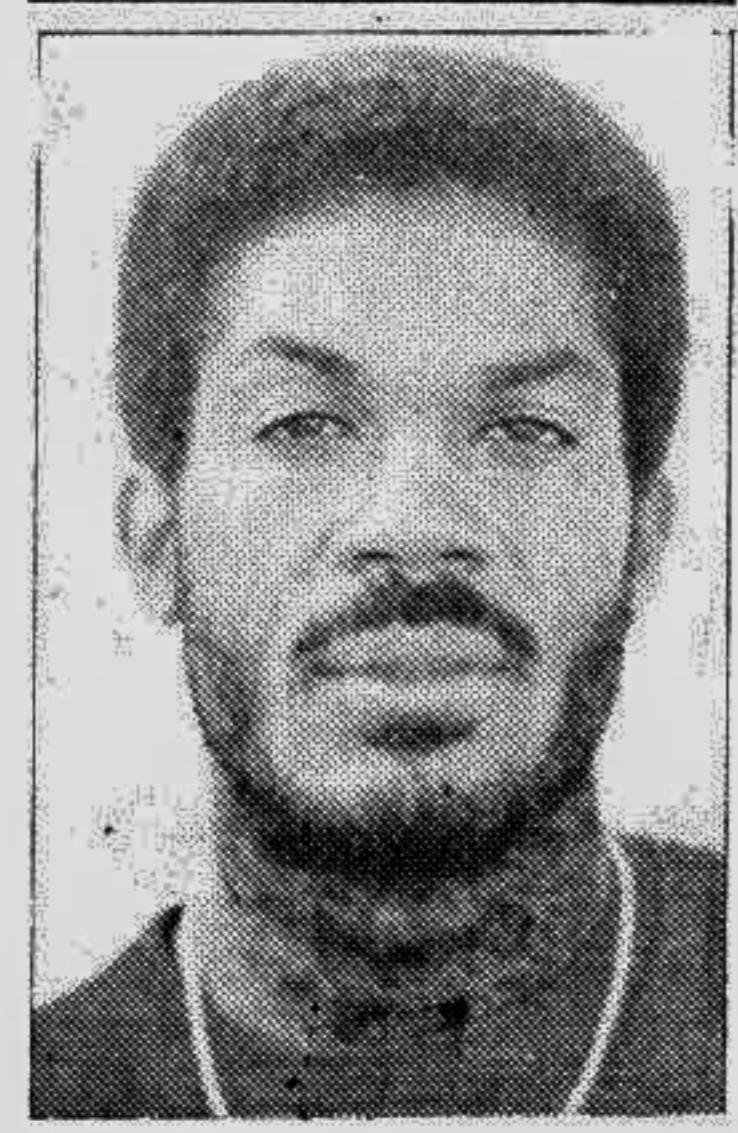


SPORTS TALK

**Michael Holding**

(Legendary West Indies fast bowler)

"For appeals like that umpires should have yellow and red cards. That was a yellow card appeal."

After a hopeful Anil Kumble appeal against England.

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The Premier and First Division football leagues will begin on June 22 simultaneously at the Bangabandhu and the Sere-Banga National Stadiums, reports APB.

On the opening day, holders Mukti Joddha Sangads KS will face newcomers Mirpur Chalantika in the Premier League while last season's relegated Agranai Bank will meet the Muslim Institute in the First Division opener.

GMG's greetings

Sports Reporter

The GMG Airlines has thanked Bangladesh Cricket Board and the Mayor of Chittagong to allow them to carry the national cricket team from Chittagong to Dhaka after the civic reception of the team in Chittagong on June 9, says a press release.



— AFP photo

Striker Alan Shearer (R) scores England's only goal against Bulgaria during their Euro 2000 qualifier in Sofia on June 9. The game ended in a one-all draw.

Vieri among World Stars

SYDNEY, June 10: Italian striker Christian Vieri, the world's most expensive player, will collect 500 dollars (335 US) when he appears for the World Stars against Australia here Saturday, reports AFP.

Australian-raised Vieri was signed this week by Inter Milan for 50 million US dollars and was one of the first to accept an invitation from the world body FIFA to return to his old home town for the game.

He certainly isn't coming for the money. FIFA representative Walter Gagg revealed today the World Stars would each receive only a 500-dollar fee and 'gift from soccer Australia.'

Vieri, who spent ten of his formative years in Sydney, will link at Inter Milan with Brazil-

ian superstar Ronaldo in what has been hailed as the world's best strike force.

World team coach Roy Hodgson said today that on paper, it was an unbeatable combination but they needed to bring home the Serie A title to justify their status.

Hodgson, who recently coached Inter for four matches in a caretaker role, said he thought Vieri was an excellent acquisition for the club.

The price tag for Vieri could be considered ridiculous but then comparisons would have to be made with people in the golf world, the tennis world and not least of all what Elton John gets for a pop concert," he said.

"I think he'll do very well and will be a perfect foil and complement for Ronaldo."

"It's easy to say this is the best strike force in the world,"

but it will only be the best if they can win the Italian championship.

Vieri will not arrive here until late Friday, which presents Hodgson with a problem in selecting his run-on squad for the match.

He said he would be surprised if they turned out to be a cohesive combination and his main objective would be to try to provide good entertainment.

"I'm not going to tell them how to play but will try to put them into a position where they are comfortable," he said.

"The last time I coached a FIFA team was in Japan where we lost 6-1. But there were no crunching tackles or silly fouls in that match and I don't think either side on Saturday will be interested in getting injured."

The team is a disgrace and Toshack does not appear to be the man, who can lead Real Madrid back to the top next season," the newspaper thundered.

Real really rotten

SCORELINES**Group One**
Switzerland 0-0 Italy
Wales 0-2 Denmark**Group Two**
Albania 0-1 Slovenia

Greece 1-2 Latvia

Group Three
Moldova 0-0 Finland**Group Four**
Andorra 3-2 at home

by Russia on Saturday, only

scored a late penalty through

Frank Leboeuf in a game marred by the sendings-off of

France's Christophe Dugarry

after only 24 minutes and Andorran Tony Lima six minutes

from time.

It was Andorra's best-ever

international result and al-

though they remain bottom of

Group Four they were the moral

victors on the night.

The result lifted France into

second place in Group Four on

14 points, behind leaders

Ukraine who drew 0-0 in Ar-

menia.

But it is getting close at the

top. Russia moved into con-

tention with a 1-0 win over Ice-

land in Moscow — Ireland's first

defeat in 11 matches.

With seven matches played

Ukraine have 15 points, France

14, Russia 12 and Iceland 12.

Ukraine play France when bat-

tle recommences in September,

with Iceland at home to An-

dorra and Russia at home to Ar-

menia.

In Group One, Italy stayed

top despite being held to a 0-0

draw by Switzerland in Lau-

sanne, but Denmark revived

their hopes with a 2-0 win over

Wales in Liverpool thanks to

goals in the last six minutes

from John Dal Tomasson and

Stig Toftig who scored with a

90th minute penalty.

Italy have 14 points from six

matches, followed by Denmark

on eight, Switzerland on seven

and Wales out of it on six.

Ireland, whose government

refused to allow Yugoslavia into

the country for Saturday's

Group Eight qualifier in Dub-

lin, finally got down to

business and beat Macedonia 1-

0 with Niall Quinn scoring the

second half winner.

That result lifted Ireland

joint-top of the section on nine

points along with Yugoslavia,

who beat Malta 4-1 in neutral

Greece on Tuesday. They have

identical records and are ahead

of Macedonia (7) and Croatia (7)

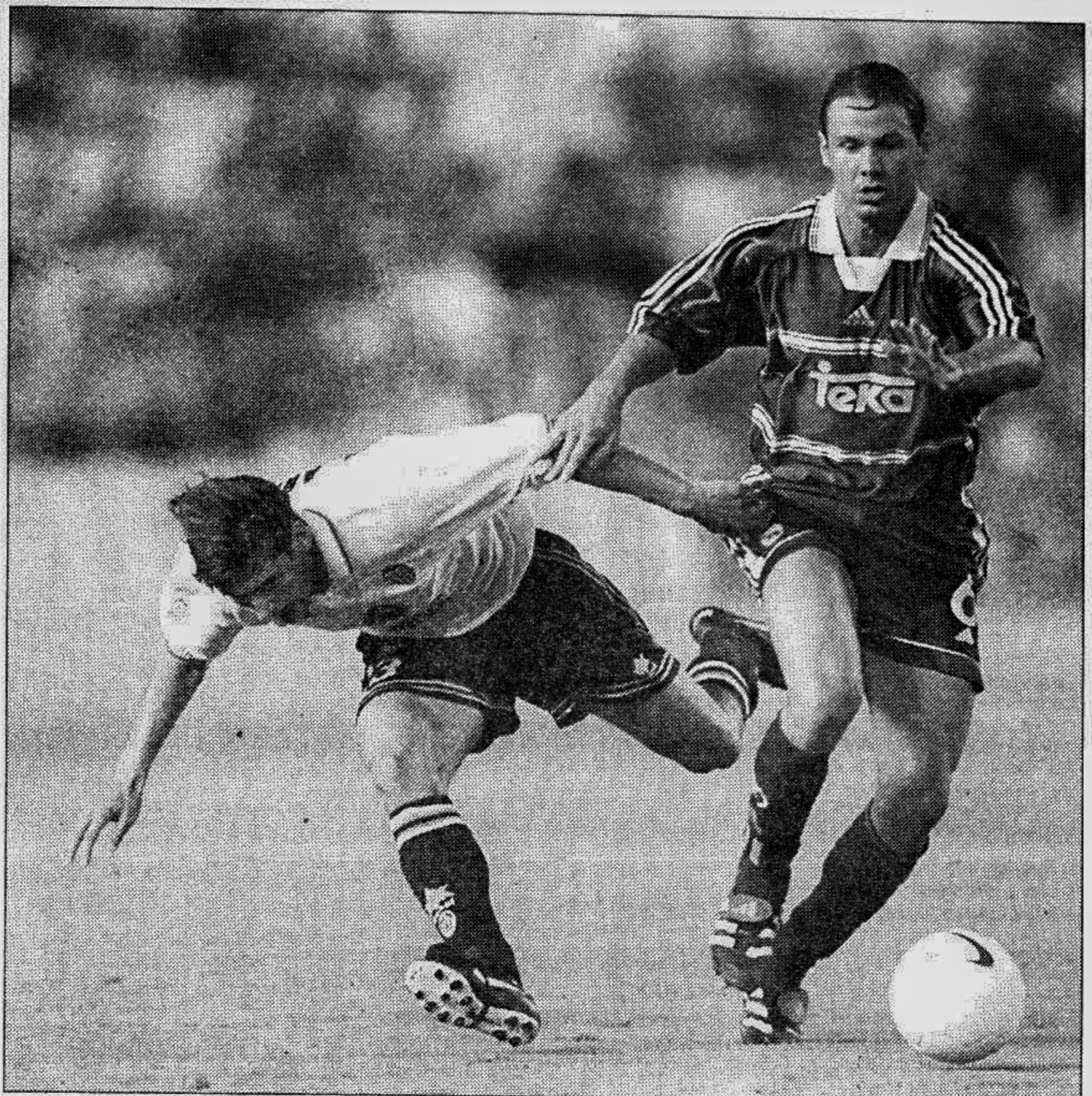
who remain in contention.

But Ireland's campaign could

yet be derailed if UEFA decide to

penalise them for their failure to

play Yugoslavia.



— AFP photo

Madrid massacred

VALENCIA, June 10: Real Madrid suffered their heaviest defeat for 46 years on Wednesday as they were crushed 6-0 by Valencia in a stunning Spanish Cup semifinal first leg on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Not since a 6-0 defeat against Malaga in 1953 have a Real Madrid team been so roundly beaten in a competitive fixture.

The last time Real conceded six goals was again against Malaga, in the 1983-84 season but at least that night they had the consolation of scoring four goals of their own.

John Toshack's woeful Real, who will face an all but impossible task in the return leg on June 16, went behind to a Claudio Lopez free kick on 21 minutes and were then undone in a 40-minute spell following the sending-off of Fernando Redondo four minutes later.

Valencia took ruthless advantage during that period to slot in four of their six goals — Goran Vlaovic, Miguel Angel Angulo and a double from Alain Roche doing the damage — before a red card of their own restored some semblance of order.

Gaizka Mendieta then rounded off the scoring with a sweetly struck goal from the edge of the area on 74 minutes.

"The only thing that surprises me now is that you journalists continue to be surprised by results like this," said a combative Toshack after the game.

"Of course the fans are going to be some way short of delighted after this result."

"But the only thing we can do is to pick ourselves up and prepare for a vital derby game against Atletico Madrid on Saturday."

Real will have to show a monumental improvement if they are to get the victory they need to stay on course for second place and a Champions League berth for next season.

Real, missing six first team players because of injuries and international call-ups, were deprived of another key man after 25 minutes when Redondo was

sent off for a push on Jocelyn Angloma.

But by then Toshack's side had already gone behind in miserable fashion as their defensive wall jumped over a Lopez free kick on 21 minutes, allowing the ball to glide in at the far post.

A series of shameful defensive errors then sent Valencia 4-0 up by halftime as Roche was left unmarked inside the area to score either side of a tap in from Vlaovic, the Real defence again going absent.

Angulo, turning in a Lopez cross, made it 5-0 10 minutes

into the second half before the sending-off of Vlaovic on 65 minutes brought some relief for Real.

With the sides now evenly matched, Valencia were still able to provide the coup de grace, Spanish international Mendieta carving out some space on the edge of the area before lashing home left-footed.

The result was in marked contrast to the other semifinal on Tuesday, when Atletico Madrid drew 0-0 with Deportivo Coruna. Both second legs are next week with the final in Seville on June 26.

Batistuta blasted

BUENOS AIRES, June 10: Argentinian football legends Diego Maradona and Oscar Ruggeri led a chorus of criticism on Wednesday against foreign-based stars who have indicated they are not available for selection, citing injury and fatigue.

Playmaker Maradona and hardman defender Ruggeri were teammates in Argentina's World Cup winning side in 1986.

Maradona told Radio Rivadavia: "There is no current striker as good as Batistuta; because of this, although he is pulling out, we should still call him up for the next few games."

Ruggeri, who like Maradona also appeared in the 1990 and 1994 finals, added: "It is terrible this is happening. It gives me the sensation that the desire to wear the national shirt does not exist as it did when I was a player."

"Whoever gives up his place in the national team does not deserve to return to it. For this a shirt that money can not buy. It is the ultimate that all footballers aspire to. Look how Diego (Maradona) used to play in it. In 10 years he never let anyone down. He was the best in the world."

themselves unavailable for the Copa America, starting in Paraguay later this month

Florentina striker Gabriel Batistuta, Parma duo Hernan

Crespo and Juan Sebastian Veron, Atletico Madrid's Jose Chamot and Lazio's Matias Almeyda are the players based in Italy and Spain who have indicated they are not available for selection, citing injury and fatigue.

Film (Rpt): (Underrun Closed)

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