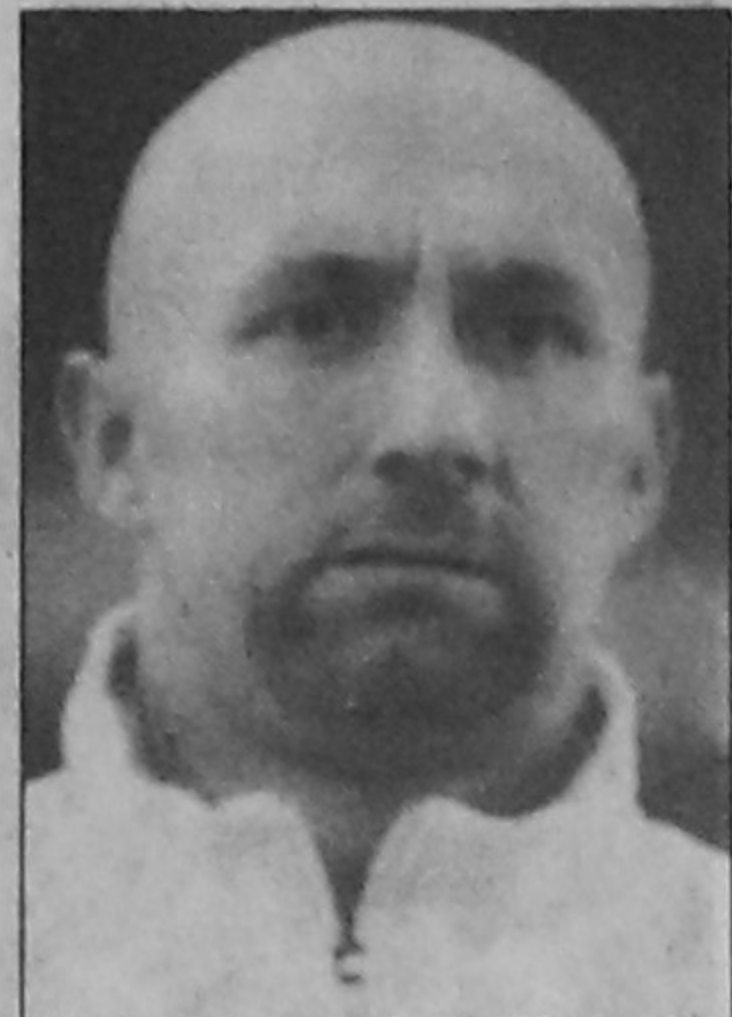


Hamad named Iraqi coach

AFP, Baghdad Iraq's Yugoslav coach Milan Zivadinovic has been sacked and replaced by Iraqi Adnan Hamad...

Champions' League preview Banking on Barthez

AFP, London Extrovert goalkeeper Fabien Barthez is expected to return to Alex Ferguson's starting line-up...



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alone as holders Real Madrid and fellow European heavyweights Bayern Munich and AC Milan also dig in their heels for a place in the last eight...

Rotten Brazilian football

AFP, Rio de Janeiro Brazilian football is reeking with organised corruption with players and officials determined to make money at whatever cost...

Champions League preview Injury-hit Milan

AFP, Paris AC Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni is up to his neck in injury problems as he plans ahead for the San Siro clash against Paris Saint Germain on Wednesday...



Paris Saint Germain coach Luis Fernandez (L) talking to his star striker Nicolas Anelka during a training session on February 12.

Roma to copy MU-Yankees linkup

AFP, Rome Italian Serie A leaders AS Roma hope to emulate English giants Manchester United by forging a business partnership with a leading American sports outfit...

Wenger weighing options

AFP, London Arsene Wenger could start meaningful discussions to extend his Arsenal contract by the end of the week - if there is a favourable outcome to the ongoing talks on the reform of the European transfer system...



English side Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger smiles while listening to a reporter during a press conference in Lyon on February 12. Arsenal meet French team Lyon in a UEFA Champions' League match today.

urgency all football parties to come up with a compromise solution. Crucial meetings are taking place this week with an announcement expected on Friday...

Beckham's father speaks

AFP, London The father of Manchester United and England star David Beckham has hit out at rumours his son is holding the club to a multi-million dollar ransom...

UEFA Cup Helpless Houllier

AFP, London Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier is resigned to facing UEFA Cup opponents Roma without the services of influential forward Steven Gerrard from among a growing list of injuries ahead of Thursday night's tie in the Italian capital...



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Italian govt gets involved

AFP, Rome Italy's government vowed to investigate all applications for passports involving foreign footballers that have been made in the past three years here Friday...

Troussier wants only the best

AFP, Hong Kong Japan coach Philippe Troussier says he will select the country's best players for a prestige friendly against France next month even if it means invoking FIFA's ruling on the release of players...

cannot confirm the match against France. Everybody is in the same position. It's not a problem for me and it will be the same for every club...

Ancelotti deal stalls

AFP, Turin Juventus coach Carlo Ancelotti is demanding a better financial deal before signing an extension to his contract with the Turin giants...

O'Neill's has Midas touch

AFP, Glasgow Celtic manager Martin O'Neill may only have begun his spell at the Parkhead club but legend Jimmy Johnstone believes the canny Irishman is already the best Celtic manager since the legendary Jock Stein...

Ota gets Perugia trial

AFP, Perugia Italian Serie A club Perugia have taken 21-year-old Japanese striker Keskute Ota on trial, ANSA news agency reported Monday...

Khagrachhari football OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Khagrachhari Mamma Jubo Kalyan Sangsad moved into the final of the Senior Division Football League beating Bhainichhara 2-0 at the local stadium yesterday.