



Paul Lambert is tackled by Rangers' Jorg Albertz and Fernando Ricksen in Celtic's 1-0 win.

## Reyna sees (double) red in Glasgow

**U.S. ABROAD.** Claudio Reyna, who had an exemplary disciplinary record until this season, self-destructed in the Scottish League Cup.

The American hit the jackpot, earning two red cards in Rangers' 3-1 loss to Celtic in the semifinals of the Scottish League Cup.

He received his first red card for two yellows awarded for a pair of nasty tackles.

Reyna received a second red card for striking Celtic's Neil Lennon in a postgame melee that saw Rangers' Michael Mols and Celtic's Lubomir Moravcik also red-carded. (Lennon escaped without punishment for a hand in Reyna's face.)

For good measure, referee Willy Young booked Reyna for dissent after the Rangers player was called to the official's quarters after the game.

Reyna's actions had Rangers manager Dick Advocaat fuming because they left him without his American star for the second, more critical Old Firm game four days later.

Defending champion Rangers lost, 1-0, to fall 12 points behind Celtic in the Premier League with 12 games left.

Reyna's replacement, Fernando Ricksen, suffered a similar fate, being red-carded for two bookable offenses.

Reyna missed two World Cup qualifiers for dissent following the Costa Rica-USA match in July and was red-carded earlier in the Scottish season against Hearts.

## Benfica's debts approach \$100 million

**PORTUGAL.** New Benfica president Manuel Vilarinho says the Lisbon club's debts currently stand at 20 billion escudos (\$92.60 million) and will be difficult but not impossible to pay off.

They're far worse than he thought when he took over in October from Joao Vale e Azevedo.

"I couldn't call the situation chaotic," Vilarinho said, "but it will be difficult to solve, although it will be solved."

Among the debts are \$6.6 million for Dutch international striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk's transfer from Vitesse.

Van Hooijdonk leads the First Division with 15 goals, having helped Benfica, now in second place, recover from a disastrous start that forced the departure of two coaches.

## Deschamps has no plans to quit

**SPAIN.** Didier Deschamps has won European Cup titles with Marseille and Juventus and captained France to the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship crowns, but he's seeing little playing time at Spanish First Division club Valencia.

Deschamps, 32, missed three months with injuries but has started only one game in midfield since returning in early January. He's appeared in only nine of 22 league games this season, prompting speculation he'll quit at the end of the season.

"I don't care what they say about me retiring," Deschamps said. "I'm not listening to them."

He joined Valencia on a three-year contract after one season at Chelsea.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### 'El Tanque' rolls into Buenos Aires

**ARGENTINA.** MLS veteran Eduardo Hurtado made a spectacular debut in the First Division, scoring for Argentinos Juniors in a 2-2 tie with Torneo Apertura champion Boca Juniors to open the Torneo Clausura.

Hurtado played five seasons in MLS with the Los Angeles Galaxy, MetroStars and New England Revolution before returning to his native Ecuador last season.

Argentinos Juniors, the club where Diego Maradona began his career, signed Hurtado on loan from Liga Deportiva de Quito with an \$800,000 option.

Goals from Nicolas Medina and Hurtado gave Argentinos a 2-1 lead before an 89th-minute goal by Omar Perez saved Boca.

Argentinos is one of seven First Division teams from Buenos Aires. It won its only Argentine national title in 1985, the same year it won the Libertadores Cup.

It was relegated in 1996 but returned to the First Division a year later.



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**Wanderley Luxemburgo is back at Corinthians after a two-year absence.**

### Corinthians rehires Luxemburgo

**BRAZIL.** Corinthians has come full circle, hiring former Brazilian national team head coach Wanderley Luxemburgo.

Luxemburgo led Corinthians to the 1998 Brazilian national title but left afterwards to take the Brazilian national team head-coaching job.

Oswaldo de Oliveira, who succeeded Luxemburgo, led Corinthians to the 1999 Brazilian title and 2000 Club World Championship but was fired when it failed to win last year's Libertadores Cup.

Luxemburgo, ousted as Brazilian head coach after Brazil's quarterfinal exit from the 2000 Olympics, is Corinthians' fifth coach in less than eight months, succeeding de Oliveira, Oswaldo Alvarez, Candinho and Uruguayan Dario Pereyra, who was let go after only six games.

Corinthians opened the second Luxemburgo era with a 1-1 tie with Fluminense and a 2-1 win over Palmeiras in the Campeonato Paulista.

### Hamed returns for third stint

**IRAQ.** A trip home proved costly for Yugoslav Milan Zivadinovic.

He was fired as Iraqi national team coach when Iraqi officials discovered he left a national team training camp in Tunisia to return home for a visit.

Modest performances by the national team also were among the reasons for his dismissal, Iraqi FA assistant secretary general Ahmed Abbas Ibrahim added.

Iraqi Adnan Hamed, 46, takes over the national team for the third time.

He led Al Zawra to the Iraqi league title and the final of last year's Asian Cup Winners' Cup before guiding Iraq's under-19 team to the Asian youth title in November.

Hamed was replaced by Zivadinovic just eight weeks before the Asian Cup in Lebanon. The move was unpopular with the Iraqi players.

Iraq fell to eventual champion Japan, 4-1 the quarterfinals. Iraq faces Kazakhstan, Nepal and Macao in March in the first round of World Cup 2002 qualifying.