

What they're saying

"We used to banish our convicts to Australia. Last night there were another 11 criminals who should have been frogmarched to the boat for a one-way trip Down Under."

— The Sun, on England's national team, which it termed "Kanga Poo" in its cover headline, after a 3-1 loss at home to Australia in a friendly.

"Galin is the hairy-chested Bulgarian I've always wanted."

—D.C. United Coach Ray Hudson, on his newest acquisition, defender Galin Ivanov. (Washington Post)

"I will be making only a little more money than the MLS was offering, but the dollar goes a lot further in Colombia. You can live in a big house, have a nice car, be very comfortable on the type of salary I will be making."

— U.S. World Cup defender Carlos Llamasa, before a move to Atletico Nacional in Medellin fell through, leaving him scrambling to try out with an MLS club. (Boston Globe)

"If there is a war, we have to be able to travel in safety. We will listen to the opinion of [Japan coach] Zico and also the Foreign Ministry."

— Japan Football Association president Saburo Kawabuchi, indicating that Japan's U.S. tour in late March would be in jeopardy if the U.S. government led a military attack on Iraq. (Sankei Sports)

"We all got a little stronger, our backs got a little firmer, and we got more resolve to get this thing done."

— MetroStars general manager Nick Sakiewicz, announcing that the MLS club's stadium project in Harrison, N.J., was back on track. (Daily Record)

"I'm not really thinking about any of that. I'm worried about working hard now, being on this team, qualifying and winning the under-17 World Cup."

— Freddy Adu, 13, on playing in MLS in 2004. The U.S. U-17 phenom became an American citizen Feb. 13, a day after scoring two goals for the U-17s in a 2-1 win over MLS's Chicago Fire. (Washington Post)

"If we are going to make this work, I'm the only one who can do it."

— Giorgio Chinaglia on the possible revival of the famous New York team as an all-star team, dismissing reports that Pele, his Cosmos teammate, wanted to run the venture. (The New York Times)