



WORLD CUP FEVER starts on Page 23

Contents

🖈 April 19, 1998 🖈

6 PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Movie beauty RACHEL WEISZ on love, stardom . . . and why Ewan McGregor had to put his head between her legs.

8 PERSONAL PICTURES

The stars get a handbagging . . . and your chance to win a Kodak camera.

10 PERSONAL LIVES

How do you cope when you find out at the age of 50 that your father was an American soldier you have never met?

14 PERSONAL FITNESS Give your body a spring clean with MONICA GRENFELL's new diet and exercise plan.

16 PERSONAL AGENDA

Everything you ever wanted to know about men... by comedy pin-up girl GAYLE TUESDAY.

18 PERSONAL TASTE

Savour the flavour from Irish farms in Part Two of The Ballykissangel Cookbook.

23 PERSONAL PULLOUT

Your essential 20-page World Cup guide ... fixtures, facts and figures plus a form guide by TV's BARRY VENISON.

44 PERSONAL PROMOTION

A FREE can of Heinz spaghetti . . . plus your chance to win a weekend in Rome.

46 PERSONAL FASHION

Slip into something blue this summer

49 PERSONAL TRAVELJoin the stars in Provence.

50 PERSONAL

CROSSWORD Win our £1,000 prize.

53 TV WEEK
Your top viewing guide.

62 PERSONAL

STARS Your weekly forecast from astrologer PETER WATSON.





Kick Start

ACCELERATE INTO THE WEEK WITH IAN HYLAND

Are you sit-ting com-fortably?

Five sitcoms that might one day be "coming soon"...

- 1 Evans Above Wine expert Daniel Booth's life becomes a misery when lager lout Robbie Evans moves into the flat upstairs.
- 2 Cod And Chips Schoolfriends Harry Cod and Larry Chips are made redundant and start their own catering company.
- **3 Chocolate Fireguard**Hilarious antics at a fire station in the Cornish village of Chocolate.
- 4 Roastbeef And Yorkshires
 Tough talking detective duo Ted
 Roastbeef and Charlie Yorkshires
 pound the Todmorden beat.
- 5 The Fool Monty Silent farce about Monty Smith, the man who just can't help doing things wrong.

Why, oh, why?

...do women make you admit you quite fancy their best mate when you're drunk then bring it up every time you have the slightest row? ...do men pick their nose in the car thinking you're concentrating on the road and won't notice?



YOU WHAT?

Minging is a street word (sounds like ringing) that originally described something that didn't smell too good but has now been extended to anything slightly unpleasant. For example: "that haircut/kebab/**Spice Girls** record is minging, mate."

New Style It may look like you've been headbutted in the face or are recovering from a

nose job but wearing Biore's Pore Perfect strips can make you prettier. If you leave them on for 10 minutes they'll clean your pores and get rid off all those nasty blackheads. And they're unisex, of course girls (available at all good chemists, £7.35 for six.)

Mouse Hunt's Lee Evans started in stand-up

Evans and live it up in Hollywood, or you could spend your life playing clubs called Hollywood alongside Oleg the knife thrower, Rusty the stripper and Jimmy Tarbuck. The Next Step: Get some jokes together and

reaxt Step: Get some jokes together and pester your local comedy club to give you a shot on an open mike night.

Or try entering the two big "new ces" competi-

Attemptical vacua

Alternatively, you could try sending some gags to established comics (most of them could do with the help).

NEW LABOUR, NEW LABOUR

The Hours: Only 10

minutes to an hour on

stage, but then there's

all the driving to gigs

Are you one of life's quick-witters? The sort of person who makes people groan, "you should be on stage". Then why not ditch that 9-5 and be a stand-up comedian. It's a doddle.

The Qualifications:
Good jokes and a charismatic personality. Although Jimmy

Good jokes and a charismatic personality. Although Jimmy Tarbuck got by without either, apparently. You don't need O-levels but an Oxbridge education comes in handy if you fancy yourself as the next Stephen Fry.

The Money: You have to be prepared to do

the Money: You have to be prepared to do more than a few free gigs to prove yourself, but £60 a night is the average at most comedy clubs.

and the time spent observing people in bars for material. Ups: - People say you're really funny and shake you by the hand. Downs: -People say, "you think voure really funny" and shake you by the throat. And people expect you to be funny all the time. The Prospects: You could become a star

overnight like Lee

entering the two big "new faces" competitions run by the BBC and Avalon, the people who look after Frank Skinner and Harry Hill.

Weiszed up

HER BIG HOLLYWOOD BREAK TURNED INTO A COSTLY FLOP. BUT RACHEL WEISZ HAS LICKED HER WOUNDS, LEARNED HER LESSONS, AND IS POISED FOR THE BIG TIME AGAIN. BY IVAN WATERMAN

orgeous Rachel Weisz should have become very famous in 1996. All the insiders thought her first Hollywood film, an action thriller called Chain Reaction, would launch her into the same orbit as Gywneth Paltrow and Sandra Bullock. The film looked like a surefire winner on paper. Directed by the man who made The Fugitive and starring Keanu Reeves, all it required of Rachel was to look brainy and alluring as an English toff scientist who helps Keanu save the world. But as big breaks go, Chain Reaction turned out to be more of a disappointing crumble. The critics hated it ("ham-fisted, ludicrous and idiotic" said one) and it flopped badly at the box office. For most young actresses this would have been a career-threatening setback. But North London-born Rachel is made of sterner, and smarter, stuff. She picked herself up, chalked it down to experience, and made a note to choose her roles more carefully in future.

Today, at the age of 27, she has a very wise head on her shoulders and a better idea of where she is going. Now she's back with a whole string of starring roles in movies and on TV. And it looks is if 1998 really is going

to be her year.

"I wasn't in a position to choose a couple of years ago when Hollywood came knocking," she says. "It was my first real opportunity in a big-budget movie. But that doesn't necessarily mean you are going to be a 'star'. There are no guarantees. "It's hard to say why Chain Reaction didn't work. The studio edited out a lot of stuff. But it was fun." Part of the fun was in keeping the media quessing about her on-set friendship with heart-throb Keanu. She says that any notions of

romance came from the fertile

did like Keanu a lot, and stoutly

imaginations of publicists. But she

defends him from suggestions that he's a bit of an airhead. "Keanu is one of the most profoundly intelligent people I have ever met," insists Cambridge graduate Rachel. "He is extraordinary. People think he's forever on a motorbike with teenage girls in pursuit. But he is nothing like that."

What must be stated about Rachel, 27, is that she simply oozes class. She's a chic, cerebral sort . . . but she could also pass for a Latin pin-up with her olive skin, full lips, sensuous eyebrows and high cheekbones. Bernardo Bertolucci, who directed her in the film Stealing Beauty, says she reminded him of the young Gina Lollobrigida. Rachel's exotic looks come from her

Hungarian-born father, a talented and successful engineer and her winning foray into West End Austrian mother, who is a FOR respected psychotherapist. Both sides of A WHOLE the family came to **AFTERNOON** Britain in the 1930s to **EWAN** escape the Nazis, and McGREGOR'S home is a splendid **HEAD WAS** family house in BETWEEN HER They liked what they Hampstead. Rachel was THIGHS educated at Benenden

(Princess Anne's old school) and the exclusive St. Paul's in London. At the age of 14 she was smart enough to turn down the role of Richard Gere's daughter in the truly awful Biblical debacle King David. Instead, she studied away, took modelling assignments and by the time she was old enough to drive she had saved enough cash to buy herself the car of her dreams . . . a huge 3.5 litre Jaguar of the sort Jack Regan used to tear around in chasing villains in The Sweeney.

ne won a place at Cambridge reading English Literature and formed a theatre company group, Talking Tongues, because she really wanted to act. After getting her degree, she quickly won attention starring alongside Ewan McGregor in the BBC's version of the French classic Scarlet and

Black. She played the luscious Mathilde to his dashing, cheating Julien Sorrell. For the tragic finale, she had to nurse her lover's decapitated head on her lap.

o shoot the scene, McGregor's face was made up to look dead and he spent a whole afternoon with his head stuck firmly between her thighs Rachel smiles and says mischievously: "You could say he's gone from strength to strength because of that. We still laugh about it whenever we bump into each other. "Actually, that was a long day. I had the most awful pins and needles afterwards. Hasn't he done well though? He's brilliant." Then came an award-

> theatre and an ultramodern revival of Noel Coward's Design For Living. In the audience were men who smoked fat cigars and came from a promised land called California.

saw. And so she took off

for Hollywood and made Chain Reaction . . . and it bombed. A role in Bernardo Bertolucci's arty but sexy Stealing Beauty, which co-starred Jeremy Irons and Liv Tyler, kept her name in lights while she planned her next move. And now she's back with a vengeance. Coming up on May 8 is her first starring film role in the dark and mysterious drama Amy Foster. This will be followed by a burst of pure frivolity as she saves the soul of soccer nut Neil Morrissey (behaving badly as usual) in My Summer With Des, which will screened by the BBC to co-incide with World Cup fever in

Then in August she teams up on screen with two other leading lights of the Brit Pack, Catherine McCormack and Anna Friel, for David Leland's affectionate World

War Two saga, Land Girls. After that it's back to more serious fare in Michael Winterbottom's obsessive love story I Want You, set against the backdrop of a small English coastal town. The breezy setting of Hastings in Sussex with its historic battlements obviously had an effect - Rachel fell madly in love with her American co-star Alessandro Nivola. But she also managed to find time to pop across the Atlantic to make a small independent American film, Going All the Way, in which she plays a Fifties femme fatale who snares Oscar-winning Ben Affleck of Good Will Hunting fame. People in the know say she may soon have a prize or two herself for her moving portrayal of Amy Foster. Directed by Beeban Kidron (who made the BBC's acclaimed Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit), it's an adaptation of Joseph Conrad's turn-of-the century tale about a poor Ukrainian adventurer who is swept into a remote Cornish village when his

ship is destroyed by a storm. my and the seafarer are two misfits who soon recognise they share a common bond in the £8 million drama, jammed solid with stars such as Kathy Bates, lan McKellen, Joss Ackland, Zoe Wanamaker and Tom Bell. Rachel was given a cottage for three months near Bodmin where she lived alone and got to grips with the part. "Anyone who has been alone or felt lost in their lives, which I have, could associate with Amy. She is strong and passionate. I wished I was more like her, she is such a dignified noble person. She is not afraid to stand by what she believes." French idol Vincent Perez, who plays the shipwrecked Ukranian, made a

lasting impression on Rachel even though she was missing her true love Alessandro. "He's a wonderful and beautiful man,"

she savs. "He was very passionate, possibly the most passionate man I have ever met and he can get away





Rachel has starred with Ewo



with it. If you were English you couldn't talk about intimate things such as love the way he does." Rachel's wedding night scene takes place in a cave lit by a thousand candles and filled with water. "He came from the sea so it seeme natural they should make love in the water," she says. "I think you could safely say that was a first for me!" hile Amy Foster is a

landmark movie in her career, her meeting with Alessandro in I Want You was more significant personally. She is obviously besotted with the fair-haired actor who played Nicolas Cage's brother in the thriller Face/O/ She plays a hairdresser still infatuate with the sweetheart who has serve eight years in jail for killing her father. Rachel, who previously had a long relationship with producer Dominic Anciano, says: "Alessandro makes me feel very lucky. He's very specia and very clever. We just don't see enough of each other."

She has recently bought a bachelor girl pad overlooking Primrose Hill in London, but she's hardly ever at home. And she's finally decided to get rid of her big, aggressive Jaguar Such an Uptown Girl just doesn't lo right behind the wheel of a car like that, so she's flogging it off. "It's my beast of burden," she says. "It guzzles up my money all the time

It only cost me £2,500, but it's

the sort of car driven by a second-

hand car dealer. It's got to go."

BAGTOFRONT



TODAY'S MUST-HAVE CELEBRITY ACCESSORY IS THE HANDBAG . . . PERFECT FOR CARRYING GIANT EGOS

> SCHINDLER'S TRYST? Or is Liam Neeson just carrying round a bundle of new scripts?.



Maureen Lipman can't find her purse . . . but it's no Big Issue.





Tamara Beckwith's a girl who loves to be spotted.





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE **AND WIN A STEREO VCR!**



You could win this stunning new Nicam stereo VCR worth £400 from Hitachi. This state-of-the-art machine has Hitachi's Dynamic Picture Equaliser, a four-head set-up, satellite control function, Video Plus . . . and the fastest rewind in the world.

HOW TO ENTER There are THREE differences between our pictures of Spice girls Mel C, Mel B and Victoria. But in which boxes are they? Phone 0930 563 989 and leave your answer, name and address. The winner will be the first correct answer selected at random from entries received by Friday, April 24, 1998. Calls cost 50p per minute and should last no longer than two minutes.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL **0930 563 989**

A £39.99 CAMERA

When you fancy a bit of celebrity spotting, Kodak Advantix cameras give you better pictures more of the time - with drop-in film loading for ease of use and three picture sizes. We have 75 stylish Kodak Advantix 1600 Auto cameras worth £39.99 for 75 readers whose names

are picked at random from our postbag. Put your name and address on a postcard and send it to Kodak Camera Giveaway, PO Box 4019, London, E14 5BN. Closing date: Saturday May 2. No purchase necessary. Usual Mirror Group rules apply. No cash alternative.

Nice try, Yasmin, but Tony's already

LE BOMB

picked his Cool Britannia babes.

The long-lost truth about our G.I. DADS

PATRICIA TRACEY HIGHLIGHTS THE ANGUISH OF WORLD WAR TWO BABIES DESPERATE TO TRACK

TO DOWN THE FATHERS THEY NEVER KNEW

ock star Eric Clapton reached the age of 53 before he discovered the truth about his father last month. But his shock at learning that he has steporothers and sisters in America and Canada is repeated hundreds of times every year when less famous beople find out that they too were fathered by a stranger from across the Atlantic.

he Atlantic. /isiting servicemen fathered more han 100,000 children in Europe during World War Two . . . and at that ime the stigma of being an unwed mother was so strong that women nid the truth from their illegitimate children as they grew up. Half a century later the secrets are inally emerging, often when mothers make death-bed confessions to astonished middle-aged children ... who find it difficult to come to terms with the secret from their past. Shirley McGlade was one such war baby, and when she finally found her own father in America after a 10-year search, she formed an organisation, called War Babes to help others. She launched the group in 1984 and nas since helped over 400 people race their real dads and stepamilies. She currently has more than 2,000 members, and a book based on her experience is about to be urned into a BBC documentary. their 70s and 80s who want to

on her experience is about to be urned into a BBC documentary. There are hundreds of mothers now in their 70s and 80s who want to unburden themselves," says Shirley. They realise time is running out and hey don't want to take their guilty secrets to their graves. But after more than 50 years, it can causes so much sadness because

But after more than 50 years, it can but after more than 50 years, it can but after more than 50 years, it can but also because analy of the fathers are now dead.

Not only that — when middle-aged becople find out that the man they

called "Dad" is not their real father, they are in total shock.

they are in total shock.

"We offer support and the exchange of first-hand experiences which help them come to terms with it."

Today Shirley tells the story of her own search for her American father, and two other War Babes members reveal their experiences.

To contact War Babes, write to

To contact War Babes, write to Shirley McGlade at 15 Plough Avenue, South Woodgate, Birmingham, B32 3TQ, enclosing a SAE. **SHIRLEY'S STORY**

War Babe organiser Shirley McGlade, 52, from Birmingham, was reunited with her real dad – her mum died just a year after Shirley found him.

"My mum and nan always said my dad had died on the beaches before I was born. I was 13 when I first realised something was wrong. Mum had sealed my birth certificate in an envelope for

Mum had sealed my birth certificate in an envelope for me to take to school. But I was curious, and when I found the father section was blank I was so devastated I just ripped it up.
I confronted my mum who was very amburranced. She

I confronted my mum who was very embarrassed. She made up a story about being engaged. She said they had planned to get married but he died on D-Day. She reassured me that he would have loved me. I had a miserable time being brought up by a stepfather. I had a half brother and sister and he would

half brother and sister and he would always refer to me as a war I even wrapped a photograph of the "leftover". He didn't physically attack me but the mental agony was awful. I still can't bear to mention his name. I was so ashamed that I didn't have name that could have been my dad. I even wrapped a photograph of the film star Jeff Chandler in plastic and showed it to my friends, saying he was my father. It wasn't until 1972 when my son happened to say that

discovered the truth. Mum had told me my dad died in 1945, but I looked realised that she couldn't have been pregnant for 16 months! I started asking questions, and it was only then she admitted that he was an American called Jack Crowley.

I filled in form after form all designed to put you off. Finally I went on NBC television to make an appeal. I didn't

D-Day was in June 1944 that I

give his name or anything, just certain details because I didn't want to embarrass him. Eventually he was found in the small silver mining town of Wallace, Idaho, and I got his telephone number. I rang pretending to be a young member of a family he used to know in England and asked him if he would write and send a picture. As soon as mum saw the photo she said: "Yes, that's him."

I called again and told
him who I was. His response was just fantastic. He told me about his family . . . that he had married twice and I had two half-brothers by his first wife. I told him how nervous
I was and he said: "Why are you

father Jack in uniform

father Jack in uniform

as many a his name to secure for and I had two half-brothers by his

Love from everything

DAD'S ARMY Shirley's

afraid of your own father?"
I asked him if I should write to him at a post office box, but he said there was no need – he was going to tell his family all about me.
When he said that I was on such a high. I felt like standing on top of mountain and sticking up two fingers to everyone who had shunned me.
When he finally said: "Will you come over" after phoning and writing for 12

months I was afraid. I wanted him to like me and worried that he wouldn't. I just couldn't take my eves off him when I saw him for the first time. I had put him on a pedestal and it took a long time to realise that he ate food and went to the loo like everyone else. I think he felt that maybe I wanted something from him. But I told him the only thing I wanted was his name on my birth certificate. He said he would sign

as many affidavits as I liked. The day his name went into that space I felt secure for the first time in my life. And when I had a letter signed "Love from your Dad" it was everything I ever dreamed of."



CHRIS'S STORY

"As far as I knew my dad was called Eric Bird and he lived in the same town as me. My grandparents said I could see him if I wanted but I would be better off not bothering. So I didn't. Sadly, my mum was killed in a car accident when I was 14 and I just had to get on with my life. Then Eric got in touch to tell us that someone had put an ad in the local paper trying to find a Kelvin and Chris Bird and gave a number to ring. I called and a woman said that she

I called and a woman said that shan an organisation that re-united families and she had a letter from a John Assalone in Canada who was claiming to be my half brother. What's more he said I had three half-sisters living in Toronto.

My grandfather had just died and I thought someone was after something. Even though this guy claimed to know a lot about my mum, I needed a lot of convincing So I called him in Canada. He told that he and his sisters Maria, France and organization that he are something in the sisters of the sister

claimed to know a lot about my mum, I needed a lot of convincing. So I called him in Canada. He told me that he and his sisters Maria, Franca and Fernanda had spent some of their childhood in Britain when their dad Jonah Assalone, a former Italian soldier, and their mother lived quite close to us in Wolverhampton. Jonah and my mother had started an affair, and I was the result, but the Assalones then emigrated to Canada. I was so bowled over by this that I went to see Eric, and asked him straight out if it could be true. He told me: "Well it was a flip of a coin as to whose kid you were." I was quite upset to be told in such blunt terms. It wasn't easy at first to accept that I was a love-child. It was also a big shock for Kel. He was 10



THAT'S MY DAD Chris with his own family . . . and half-brother John with their father, Jonah

vears older than me and could remembering playing with John as a kid. One minute I was Chris Bird and had one brother. The next I was Chris Assalone with another brother and three sisters. It takes a while to come to terms with something like that. I discovered that Jonah had never tried to hide the fact that he had an affair with my mum and that he was my father. He told his other children that they had a brother in England. He even showed them a photograph of me as a baby, taken when they lived in England. My brother John told me he had always wanted to look for me but our father advised him not to. Mum never gave me an



BROTHERS AND SISTERS Chris with Maria, John, Franca and Fernanda

inkling before she died. I was still quite young and maybe she reasoned that I would not have been able to handle it. If my grandparents knew, they didn't breathe a word. So if John and the girls hadn't come looking for me, I'd never have known. Seven months after I first spoke to John I decided to go to Canada. My new family really wanted to meet me and paid for us to go over. There was a grand re-union with my big brother and sisters at the airport. It was all very happy.

Now I'm sad that I never got to know my father, who died several years ago. It has filled in a huge gap in my life. For the first time I feel whole. I'm so glad John wrote that letter." ■

JEAN'S STORY

Jean Baillie, 52, a Marks & Spencer sales assistant from Kenilworth, Warwickshire, discovered only recently that she had been adopted. Her natural mother and adoptive parents took the secret to the grave. She is still searching for her real dad.

"I had agreed to help a disabled friend

trace her family tree and while I was at St. Catherine's House I decided it would be fun to look up my own birth. I was surprised when I couldn't find the entry but thought no more of it. On my next trip, when I found myself inexplicably drawn towards a sign saying "Public Register of Adoptions", I discovered the truth. Until that moment I had no idea that my devoted, loving parents, who both died at 92 four years ago, were not my real mum and dad. I had had an idyllic childhood growing up with my brother, but after the discovery my life went into orbit. While I waited for details to come through I had counselling, and little things from my past suddenly took on significance. Like when I wanted to look up my horoscope and my

THE TRUTH
AT LAST Jean
at home with
pictures from
her missing
past

mum couldn't tell me the time of my birth . . . why my father couldn't find my birth certificate when I left school where I got my curly hair from. I wasn't greatly distressed, just very sad. I wondered how many more people there were like me who no one had ever told.

Ten weeks later the file was found

sad. I wondered how many more people there were like me who no one had ever told.

Ten weeks later the file was found and I discovered that I was born Dawn Matthews in September 1945. My real mum was called Florence, and she and her sisters Ada and

in a children's home in Warrington, Cheshire, close to a U.S. military camp. When she got pregnant by a married G.I. called de Ritter she was sent away. I was born in a nursing home in Stratford-upon-Avon and adopted six weeks later. There were a couple of thank-you letters she had written to the home afterwards. She didn't mention me but said she was trying to

Mary were brought up

and helping other

a dad, and even

our neighbours

always felt different

shunned me. I

from everyone else.

People use the word

bastard so lightly these

days. But when you are one, the

word cuts through you like a knife.

I would escape by pretending my

to watch the credits and pick out a

father was a hero in a war film. I used

war babes today

cut out seven months of her life as if they had never existed.

I placed an ad in a Warrington paper and I was thrilled when I got a response and was given the number of one of my natural cousins, Peter, who turned out to be Ada's son.

I rang him and told him the whole story. He was so excited and said: "By heck, not Aunty Flo!"

He was wonderful to me. He invited me up and filled me in on the family history including how the three sisters

had all married, Florence and Mary to Americans, and had families. Sadly they had all died without breathing a word about me. My mum married Frank Price in 1949 and went to live in America. They had two sons, Frank and Adrian. Pete rang Frank's wife and broke the news gently. A couple of days later I spoke to him for nearly an hour, but he seemed a little nervy and unsure. Although my new family have welcomed me with open arms I feel a sense of guilt that I have invaded their lives and unlocked a secret that my mother took to her grave. I also feel disloyal to my adoptive parents who were so wonderful to me. They were loving parents who gave me a good home and somehow it seems disrespectful to them. It is so sad that they couldn't bring themselves to tell me the truth. But I don't hold anything against them. I am sure they did what they felt was best for me. I feel very lucky that I should have found such love after a

difficult start.

I am also relieved that my brother has been so supportive. He said: "You're still the Jean I have known for the last 50 years — it's no big deal." But it was very traumatic as the pieces slowly fitted into place. I feel happier now that I have found out the facts. I still have a few doubts but I think I have done the right thing. It must have been very difficult for my mother . . . in the end she died from chronic asthma. I just wish I had met her.

Now that I have found my real mother's family, I am just praying that

mother's family, I am just praying that I can find my natural father and that he is still alive."



THE FAMILY JEAN NEVER KNEW Florence, Ada and Mary with their husbands



Don't you just love this time of year? All that back-breaking gardening to look forward to, as well as bankrupting yourself taking the

kids to theme parks and having to cast off your thick black tights to go on a beach. Spring's great! When the sun comes out it can tell the world that you've spent the winter alued to the sofa, eating. You might not look too bad after an hour getting ready and the lights low, but how about the cold light of a spring morning? Are you toned, glowing, smooth and healthy? Or blotchy, grey and rather slack? Well cheer up. We're all in the same boat but we're going to take action. I've devised a top-to-toe diet and exercise plan which promises to leave you feeling brighter, lighter, and healthier. You're going to get into those shorts, you're going to have a wonderful summer - and you're going to look great! The diet is rich in natural, raw foods

which have special properties:

★ They help to get rid of excess

* They contain potassium which

Give your body spring clean

SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES AND GET YOURSELF IN SHAPE FOR THE SUNSHINE WITH MONICA GRENFELL'S NEW DIET AND EXERCISE PLAN

helps regulate body fluids. * They can act as appetite suppressants.

* They help cleanse the stomach. One of the most important things you can do for your body is to give it plenty of water to flush out toxins. Apart from drinking plenty of pure water, you should eat food with a high water content. This diet is mostly fruit and vegetables, balanced by potassium-rich foods. Calming. appetite-suppressant foods will help you lose the craving for food and make you feel happier and healthier.

FOODS WHICH CLEANSE THE STOMACH

→ cauliflower * vegetables + figs **★** wholewheat * prunes

* lentils * strawberries

★ live yoghurt No need for expensive remedies for a sluggish stomach. You are designed to keep your own system healthy by eating plenty of fibre and eating frequently in small amounts. The foods listed above are among the best.

1/2 grapefruit, 4

dried apricots, 4

100a/4oz cold

jacket potato.

1 apple.

of milk.

chicken OR small

WATER RETENTION

Foods containing a lot of salt can cause water retention and bloating. The beetroot, cabbage, asparagus, celery and parsley in this diet will help eliminate excess water, and help if vou suffer from headaches.

POTASSIUM-RICH FOODS

* apples **★** dried apricots

* grapes **★** aubergin

→ broccoli

★ leeks **★** tomatoes * citrus fruits * potatoes

......

SATURDAY

Breakfast

EVERY DAY

water and bloating.

Drink 4 pints of plain water every day - at least 1 class with each meal. Drink pure fruit juices in between. Use only decaffeinated coffee and tea, or herbal teas. Drink at last 1/2 pt skimmed milk every day - a glass before bed aids sleep. There is a starchy snack in the late evening. This helps to keep your blood sugar level moderate at night to prevent restlessness and a morning

"hangover".

MONDAY

Breakfast 1/2 grapefruit, Fruit Salad (see recipe). Light meal Special Spring Salad (see recipe). 1 banana. Main Meal 6oz fillet steak OR 1 roast chicken breast OR 2-eag cheese omelette. Steamed broccoli, poached mushrooms. 1 boiled potato. 2 grilled tomatoes. Baked pineapple. Supper

2 slices wholemeal

toast, scraping of

butter, cup of

warm milk

Breakfast As Monday. Light meal Cottage cheese and raw vegetables, cauliflower florets. carrot sticks, celery batons, red and green pepper strips Main meal Portion of cod.

TUESDAY

peas, runner beans, carrots. 1/2 melon filled with sliced seedless grapes. Supper



WEDNESDAY : THURSDAY : Breakfast

bread

Breakfast As Monday. Light meal 1 carton (125g) live prunes, 2 dried figs, plain yoghurt with 1 small carton plain chopped banana yoghurt topped with and sliced apple. sunflower seeds Main meal 2 flaked almonds Spring Salad with : and pumpkin seeds. Light meal : Spring Salad with

4oz tuna fish. Fruit salad with blueberries. strawberries mangoes etc. (or tinned mango) Supper 30g Bran Flakes, 100ml milk.

Main Meal Stir-fried vea (mushrooms, baby corn, bean sprouts, onions, mixed peppers, etc.) with beef strips and sov sauce OR grilled and flaked salmon baked apple and Supper 1 slice toast, Marmite, glass

FRIDAY

Breakfast As Thursday Light lunch Spring Salad Main meal Leek and potato soup, 2 slices of wholemeal bread. : Baked peaches with crème fraîche. Supper Bowl muesli (unsweetened) topped with sliced apple, strawberries,

seedless grapes

(as available).

As Monday. Light lunch Home-made lentil soup. Asparagus soup : OR Broccoli and Stilton soup. 2 slices wholemeal bread. 1 banana. Main Meal

Grilled or poached cod, 8oz mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage Auberaine. courgette and

cheese topping. Hot baked bananas. Supper Mixed dried fruits, seeds nuts and

yoghurts.

tomato bake with

Choose one

250-calorie

every day:

brisk walking

★ 1 hour 10 minutes weeding

* 80 minutes playing bowls

* 40 minutes of badminton

* 35 minutes mowing the lawn

* 45 minutes of golf

* 18 minutes of squash

★ 35 minutes of tennis

exercise

walking



hard to come by don't worry - just include as many as you can manage. The salad should be eaten with a dressing which is rich in olive oil. It is healthy, and you only use a little.

Make a bed of salad leaves like lettuce, lamb's lettuce etc.

SALAD Shredded raw white cabbage Shredded red cabbage Grated or batons of carrot Sliced chicory leaves Grated or sliced beetroot 2 tbsp sweetcorn 6 asparagus spears and cooked celery sticks, cut thinly Tiny cauliflower florets

4 tbsp pure olive oil 2 tbsp wine vinegar 2 tsp french wholegrain mustard

Ground black pepper Grated zest of a lemon Mix all ingredients in a jar and refrigerate until needed. Use 1 tbsp per salad meal

FRESH FRUIT SALAD

Make at the beginning of the week and refrigerate until needed. 2 cubed mangoes

1 fresh pineapple, cubed, or 2 tins pineapple chunks

1 tin blackberries in fresh juice 2 sliced fresh peaches, or 1 tin peach slices in juice 1 melon, cubed

Sliced strawberries (added as needed).

FOOD FACTS

* Tomatoes and aubergines are members of the nightshade family, and can cause sensitivity in people suffering from arthritis. ★ Pineapples contain bromelaine. an enzyme which helps digestion. ★ Celery is very underrated. As well as being low in calories - only 7 calories in two sticks - it reduces inflammation and acts as a mild sedative and a natural diuretic. ★ If you suffer from unconnected

food cravings and weight gain you might be lacking in the essential amino acid phenyalanine, which is found in meat, cheese and chocolate. There is no chocolate in this diet due its high-calorie and sugar content but meat and cheese are fine in small quantities. * Beetroot contains folic acid which is beneficial in pregnancy. * Strawberry seeds contain lignin, a strong dietary fibre.

SPRING CLEAN EXERCISES

Hip Stretcher

No weight-loss plan is ★ 30 minutes heavy digging complete without exercise. * 1 hour of mountain biking Start by burning an extra ★ 25 minutes racing cycling 250 calories a day and after * 30 minutes' moderate swimming Thursday increase it to 500 You can increase your calorie calories if you can. That's burning in several ways. 15,000 calories in a month. Double the time spent, If you also reduce your food intake by 500 calories a day you can

increase intensity (walk uphill, faster cycling), add small lose 81/2 lbs amounts of by mid-May! exercise such parking further from the shops, * 1 hour of slow walking to work, taking an * 40 minutes of evening stroll.

Exercise is not just for burning fat. You also need to tone your muscles. The areas which have suffered over winter are

mostly below the waist, so today's simple exercises are designed to tone the waist

1 This simple exercise helps to banish that little "pad" which sits on your hip bones. Sit cross legged on a mat. Sit up straight and raise vour arms above your head.

Breathe in. 2 Breathe out slowly and lower one hand to the floor. Slide your fingertips along slowly, extending

the other arm as shown. Keep both buttocks on the floor. Hold for 6 seconds, feeling the stretch in your hip. Breathe easily again. Slide the fingers along the floor one more inch and hold. Lower your top arm and come to sitting, repeat on other side. •



Tummy Toner

1 Lie flat with a ball or book between vour knees to keep them still. Squeeze tightly. Extend both hands in front, clasped. Breathe in. 2 Breathe out and press your back down so you can feel the floor. Slowly curl up as if someone is pulling on your hands. Look up at the ceiling. Feel all the air go out of you and hold. After three seconds return slowly to the floor and breathe easily. Repeat eight times, rest and repeat again.



Send your fitness or nutrition queries to: Monica's Mailbox, PO Box 58 OXON, OX12 9BS, Enclose SAE for a personal reply

WORLD GUP

My guide to who's hot and who's not

Y TV'S BARRY VENISON

TV pundit Barry Venison is putting his shirt on Alessandro del Piero to play a starring role in the World Cup - or rather, his son's shirt.

Barry is so convinced that the Italian ace will set France alight this summer that he has bought a Del Piero No.10 shirt for 11-year-old Max to wear.

"I got it when I was in Turin covering Juventus for ITV earlier this season,' Barry reveals. "I was so thrilled by

Del Piero's performance I immediately went to the souvenir shop and bought the shirt. I wanted Max to be the first kid on the block to wear it if Del Piero does electrify the fans as I think he will. "Mind you, the stage is set for any number of players to attain superstar status overnight. That is part of the glamour of the World Cup as the stars capture the public's imagination. "It could be Ronaldo of Brazil, Bergkamp of Holland or an English youngster like

Michael Owen. It's like the

golden envelope."

Oscars. No one is ever quite sure

whose name will come out of that

Nobody is more qualified to play

the role of Mystic Meg in our exclusive TTV team criss-cross France during World Cup preview than Barry, 32. After a glittering playing career including two England caps - he has now become one of the most

respected summarisers on television. Barry can give a fascinating glimpse of the game from both sides of the touchline.

So OK Barry, in at the deep end. What chance have England got?

"I think we're among the top five teams in the world now. I can't see us

failing to get through our group. But after that. anything can happen. All sorts of factors come into play,

especially injuries and self-belief.

"If Glenn Hoddle has his 'spine' fully fit we could really go places. By his spine, I mean David Seaman, Tony Adams, Alan Shearer and Paul Gascoigne. But take one or two of those away and you reduce England's effectiveness." While Barry and his 163-strong

the competition - he is due to cover ten games in the first 15 days -England will be cocooned behind the walls of their Brittany camp. But Barry says that the main walls they will have to build around themselves will be psychological.

"Glenn is very shrewd. He'll try to protect the players from pressure especially the pressure of people back home expecting England to win. I don't think you'll find too many newspapers coming through the letterbox of the England camp. "Discipline will not be a problem. He

won't have anyone there who will rock the boat. Knowing Glenn, he'll probably allow a glass of wine with dinner, and there may be a window for wives and girlfriends to visit for a couple of days. But he will want to create a little island of his own inside France,

"Make no mistake, it will be an insular group who will win it. A squad of players who couldn't care less what is happening round the corner or on the other side of the world. It's just them -together and focused."

Which naturally brings up that eternal question mark - Gazza. Like everyone connected with the game, Barry has mulled over the contradictions that go to make up England's most gifted yet erratic player.

"I think there are two Gazzas. The Gazza inside a football shirt and the other Gazza when he takes it off. "I am very pro Paul. He was very good to me when I first played for England. In football terms, he is the most naturally gifted midfield talent we have - totally irreplaceable. But he does pose problems.

"Off the field, Glenn will have to work overtime to keep his mind occupied. Gazza is totally hyper and it's filling in the empty hours that is the difficulty. "One England player I will be keeping a special eye on will be Michael Owen. To have achieved what he has at the age of 18 and to have dealt with it with such maturity is incredible. I don't know how he does it. He must have fantastic parents." So all in all then, England are a force to be reckoned with? "Certainly. Don't forget, we won Le Tournoi in France last summer playing against France, Italy and Brazil. And it's rubbish to say it was just a friendly competition. We beat Italy and I can tell you they were going hell for leather. There is a new respect for English football around the world." Scotland are in a tough group - the smart money is on Brazil and Norway going through. But Barry hasn't ruled them out by any means. They have players like John Collins and Paul Lambert, who have years of European experience. But >

20-PAGE FRANCE 98 PULLOUT

Barry thinks it's the team's togetherness and lack of prima donnas that is their main selling point. "They are a team without stars, but they have a terrific defensive record. They'll take some breaking down. And I have a nice feeling about their manager, Craig Brown. "He's very straight, quietly-spoken and open. He attracts loyalty. He doesn't go around bawling and shouting but he can inspire a team to

play above themselves. "Players like him, and players are very shrewd and cynical about managers. I was a pro straight after leaving school and I know all about that relationship. It takes about five minutes to suss out a new manager. They watch his mannerisms and body language, see if he's comfortable with himself. Craig

Brown seems to have passed that

test with flying colours." Among the 32 competing teams there is a paddock full of potential dark horses like Scotland. But to lift the trophy they will have to defeat the genuine thoroughbreds. And that, according to Barry, means principally Brazil

and Germany. "Brazil have a lot of toughness about them now, as well as breathtaking skill. And they've

got players who can win games on their own. Up front Ronaldo is a devastating combination of pace and power. He gives defenders nightmares because he's so in control of the ball and he goes straight for the throat. But I also like Denilson, the midfielder. He's a little guy but there's an edge of nastiness about him. He's always involved."

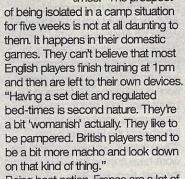
Barry's hankering for Germany may surprise a few people. "Oooh, never underestimate them. I think they'll go very close. There's an athleticism

about them and they are technically proficient, which they don't get a lot of credit for. People say they are pedestrian, but what they are is very controlled. Being in charge of Germany must be a manager's dream. They don't have

any airs and graces. They allow themselves to be moulded for the common good. And they do have a lovely arrogance."

National characteristics are often reflected in the way a team plays. You could no more imagine a petulant firebrand in the white shirt of Germany than a shy and unassuming Ruby Wax. Winning the World Cup is about

harnessing your natural strengths to a cause. Experience of the occasion is also a big plus. Italy, though they only qualified by the skin of their teeth, are no strangers to football's peaks. They've been there and done it many times. "The prospect



on that kind of thing." Being host nation, France are a lot of people's favourites, but Barry isn't

totally impressed. "I think they're a bit brittle and they haven't really got a goal scorer like Shearer or Ronaldo."

Part of the iov of the World Cup is watching emerging nations explode onto the scene - remember Cameroon eight years ago? They're back again, but according to Barry, "The honeymoon is over, they've shot their bolt now." This time it could be Nigeria, the Olympic

champions, led by former Everton striker Daniel Amokachi - "he goes at defences like a big, strong bull." Jamaica, nicknamed

the Reggae Boyz, will have a great time. "They'll turn every game into a jamboree, but I can't see them getting beyond the group stage."

Barry believes the crucial factor may be a virtuoso performance by one of the superstars. "But there's superstars and superstars. The best ones will operate within a team context. The ones who aim simply for individual

glory will fail." "Del Piero personifies the right kind of superstar. Though he's still young, he won't freeze and he likes taking centre stage.

"The same 'feel' applies to Brian Laudrup of Denmark, Bergkamp of Holland, Flo of Norway, Hagi of Romania and the young 19-year-old Juan Riquelme of Argentina. All have the potential to make those watching spellbound." For Barry, whose football career was cut short by a back injury, the World Cup will be an unalloyed joy. He's changed a lot since his playing days, not least in dress sense and haircut. His suits vie with John Barnes for daring, and his hairstyle's gone from Jon Bon Jovi to more like Tin-Tin. Barry laughs. "I don't mind the

jokes. I feel so lucky to have got this telly job. I miss playing, but at least I haven't fallen into a huge hole in my life. I'll enjoy every minute of the World Cup. I'll be in the stadiums rather than in a studio, so I'll just let everything wash over me. I want to hear the roars, smell the sweat, feel the passion."

COLIN WILLS

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL?

1978, much to the

10 At Italia 90,

in Genoa the

Scots suffered

another World

to which little

known Latin

11 Which late

against England,

put Scotland out

of the Euro 96

quarter-finals?

12 Scotland have qualified for

SEVEN World Cup finals: 54, 58,

74, 78, 82, 86 and 90. How many

13 Norway's largely British-based

times have they progressed

squad has been put together by

Maldini's son will captain his

15 Andres Escobar was

shot dead four years ago

after scoring an own goal

at US 94. Which country

did he play for?

side during the World Cup.

which coach over seven years?

14 Italian coach Cesare

beyond Round One?

goal, scored

American

outfit?

chagrin of the

Tartan Army?

NEAL COLLINS ASKS THE QUESTIONS FOR ALL YOU **BUDDING JOHN MOTSONS**

- The world's biggest country will not be at France '98. They are?
- 2 How many matches will be played in the 1998 World Cup
- 3 How many World Cups have been played so far?
- 4 How many different winners have there been?
- 5 Only one of those past winners have NOT qualified this time. Which nation failed?
- 6 In which Paris suburb is the new Stade de France?
- 7 A 20-year-old Brazilian will move from Sao Paulo to Real Betis of Seville for a world record £22million after the World Cup. Who is he?
- 8 Which Brazilian, sent off seven times in a season, is known as 'The Animal'?
- Which unfancied Arabian side, qualifiers against the odds again this year, did Scotland draw against in



Who is he and which club does he play for?

- 17 Italy have won the World Cup three times. When was the last?
- 18 How many times have Cameroon qualified for the World Cup finals?
- 19 Which nation beat holders South Africa to win the African Nations Cup this year?
- 20 Hosts France have never won the World Cup, but they did win the European Championship - in which year?
- 21 What is the best Denmark have done in the World Cup?
- 22 Tony Adams was one of the finds of Italia 90. True?
- 23 How many times have South Korea qualified for the World Cup finals?
- 24 When did England first play in the World Cup finals?
- 25 What is the best the England team have managed since they won the Jules Rimet trophy in 1966?

Check your answers on the right. award yourself a point for every one you get right, then add up your total. Are you John Motson Sadly, if you scored over 20, yes . you should get out more. you scored 10-19, don't worry, ou're perfectly healthy. If you scored less than 10, you know very little about football and probably support Derby County



Cup's opening game but to be honest I don't rate our chances. England fancy themselves and they may get to the later stages - but they won't win it. I'm going for Italy because they have such strong individuals. I enjoy the way they play as a team and they are always a threat - and the Brazilians can never be discounted. Stephen's Hot Tips: Italy, **Brazil, France and Germany**

LAWRIE MCMENEMY

(Northern Ireland boss):

Brazil appear to be flying at the moment and with their tremendous forward power I can see them becoming world champions again. I would love to see England and Scotland do well, but I know from experience how frustrating the injury situation can be after a long, hard domestic season. The Germans have this knack of

reaching the knock-out stages and France are strong too.

Lawrie's Hot Tips: Brazil Germany, France and England.

EDDIE IORDAN

(Formula 1 Team Owner):

It's a shame the Republic of Ireland aren't there - I'd know instantly who would win it! Never mind, at least the Irish are the best supporters in the world.

As a Coventry fan I'll be supporting England if Glenn Hoddle selects Dion Dublin. I think it will be a battle between Brazil and Argentina." Eddie's Hot Tips: Brazil,

Argentina, Germany and Italy.

GRAHAM NICKLESS GETS THE EXPERT VERDICTS

TOHN DENNIS

(Barnsley chairman):

The Germans seem to have this

habit of doing well, and because it's

in Europe, I back them over Brazil.

I'd like to see England go all the way

and I think they can reach the semis.

Craig Brown's Scotland have done

Before Christmas I would have said

England were looking very strong

towards the tournament with some

but at this stage we are heading

uncertainty because of injuries.

John's Hot Tips: Germany,

(leading soccer agent):

Brazil will win it. They have always

bred talented ball players but many

of them have toughened up playing

more physical football in Europe.

I hope England can win through to

the semi-finals - and if they should

meet Germany again along the way

my money will be on Glenn Hoddle's

team because the law of averages

Jon's Hot Tips: Brazil, France,

says it's our turn to beat them!

JON SMITH

Brazil, England and France.

remarkably well to qualify for the

finals with their limited squad.

GEORGE BEST

(Manchester United and Northern Ireland):

It's those magical Brazilians for me because the team is full of class players like Ronaldo and Romario. They may not have done so well in Europe in past years but I think France will suit them. England should win through to the quarter-finals but poor Scotland haven't got much hope. Bestie's Hot Tips: Brazil,

France, Germany and Italy.

STEED HERETERS

(snooker star):

I will be in Paris cheering for Scotland against Brazil in the World

FRANK WARREN (boxing promoter):

England and Italy.

I am going to fly the flag and say that Glenn Hoddle's England are good enough to be crowned world champions in France this summer.

England are capable of beating any team on their day because they have the best goalkeeper in the world in David Seaman and one of the best strikers in Alan Shearer. Frank's Hot Tips: England,

Germany, France and Brazil.

90 and 94; 24, 1950; 25, 4th at Italia 90. 23, Four times before France 98: 54, 86, 1986; 22, No: He was left on the bench; (Mo ou tuell only previous qualification in and 1994; 19, Egypt; 20, 1984; 21, Round 0eer, 48er ni fi absm anoid aldstimobnl Cups in 1934 and 1938); 18, three: The Spain (they also won the first two World three (1958, 1962 and 1970); 17, 1982 in Paulo Maldini, AC Milan; 16, Colombia; 16, the Scots; 12, None; 13, Egil Olsen; 14, passage to the quarter-finals ahead of defeat against England ensured Holland's Rica; 11, Bergkamp's late goal in the 4-1 Oliveira; 8, Edmundo; 9, Iran; 10, Costa Uruguay; 6, St. Denis; 7, Denilson de Argentina and West Germany); 5, 4, five (Brazil, Italy, Uruguay, England, ANSWERS: 1, Aussia; 2, 64; 3, 15;

BARRY'S GROUP-BY-GROUP CHOICES

STRONG IN THE HAIR

Venison the player

Group A To qualify: Brazil, and either Norway or Scotland. Stars to watch: Denilson (Brazil), Tore Andre Flo (Norway). Group B To qualify: Italy, Chile. Stars to watch: Alessandro Del Piero (Italy), Marcelo Salas (Chile).

Group C To qualify: France, Denmark. Star to watch: Brian Laudrup (Denmark). Group D To qualify: Spain, Nigeria. Star to watch: Morientes (Spain).

Belgium. Stars to watch: Bergkamp (Holland), Nilis (Belgium). Group F To qualify: Yugoslavia, Germany. Star to watch: Bierhoff (Germany)

Group G To qualify: England, Romania. Stars to watch: Owen (England), Hagi (Romania). Group H To qualify: Argentina, Croatia. Stars to watch:

Batistuta (Argentina), Suker

(Croatia).

Group E To qualify: Holland,



GRAHAM NICKLESS SURVEYS THE BIG NAMES IN THE REAL **WAR OF FRANCE 98: BBC VERSUS ITV**

hey say the British always love an underdog, but that doesn't seem to apply to the trailing side in TV's biggest sporting battle. ITV go into France 98 with a distinct disadvantage after the BBC's ultra-professional show totally dominated the viewing figures during the Euro 96 tournament two summers ago. Desmond Lynam's lads attracted the tournament's highest audience of 17.5 million for England's heartbreaking semi-final defeat to Germany, while ITV lagged well behind with 6.3 million. And the Beeb had three times more viewers for Germany's final victory over the Czech Republic. Traditionally, the BBC has dominated coverage of major sporting events. And despite the Ruud Gullit factor as a major boost for ITV. it looks like the ad-free channel will win this one too on viewer loyalty alone. Although Bob Wilson's ITV boys have sharpened up their act, they still trailed a little behind the Beeb when we compiled this handy guide to the players on each 11-man TV team, with a rating out

of 10 for each big name. Both

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?





BBC

Team boss **Desmond Lynham** is the best sports presenter in the business. He always looks so much in control even though he supports poor old struggling Brighton & Hove Albion. Des is more than just a football anchorman, he has also been the hero of countless Olympics, the voice of Wimbledon and the man unfazed by cancelled Grand Nationals.

John Motson will rattle our brains with facts and figures galore but, despite the battle for supremacy with Davies, he's still in complete control most of the time.....8 Barry Davies is a good old-fashioned pro with a likeable personal touch to his reports.....8



RON ATKINSON: 8

ITV

As a former Scotland goalkeeper, team boss **Bob Wilson** may not have the safest pair of hands in an emergency, but Bob did win the double with Arsenal back in 1971 and has a sound knowledge of the game. It's the kind of experience Dishy Des lacks. Sadly, it's the only advantage Bob has. Not the best of team leaders nor is he a great link-up man......Rating 7 Brian Moore is Mr Dependable. One of the most genuine voices of football who will not let anyone down in his World Cup swan song. Never really got over Sky's Premiership monopoly....9 Ron Atkinson - big Ron likes to speak his mind and is prepared to have a go - in his own way......

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

channels have loaded their sides with experts to comment on every kick, spit and penalty during four-and-a-half weeks of soccer action. And both teams have signed up two of football's biggest heart-throbs. ITV will be parading the dreadlocked former Chelsea boss, Ruud Gullit who just loves talking about sexy football. The BBC have retaliated by snapping up Tottenham Hotspur's easy-on-the-eye David Ginola and those clean, flowing shampoo-ad locks of his.

There's little doubt that there is no better anchor man than dear old Des Lynham who has been the Beeb's very own catch of the day for years. The winner of too many presenter and personality awards to count, he's a complete charmer in the studio, no matter what sport he is talking about.

And goodie-two-shoes Gary Lineker is still a household darling despite those dreadful crisp adverts. Luckily for us, there is always Alan Hansen on hand to occasionally wipe that grin off Lineker's face.

Obviously ITV's big gun is Gullit. The former European footballer is as good on the box as he was o

ITV will also will have two former England managers - Bobby Robson and Terry Venables - to add weight to their coverage. And Alex Ferguson, the living legend of Manchester United, will be around to keep a very close watch on Scotland's progress. The BBC kick off the battle with Scotland's World Cup opener against holders Brazil in Paris on June 10.

John Motson will once again have enough facts and figures on hand to talk to the hind legs off a donkey and Barry Davies will add his own inimitable personal touch. The other side will rely once more on Brian Moore who, bless him, will be reporting his ninth and final World Cup tournament alongside Ron Atkinson and Ian St. John. Maybe there's time for ITV to emerge from behind before the head-to-head confrontation of the World Cup Final on June 12. Let battle commence and may the best telly team win!



TREVOR BROOKING: 7





Trevor Brooking likes to sit on the fence and doesn't take risks . . . just like his West Ham days.....Rating 7 But Alan Hansen tackles subjects as hard as he tackled players in his glorious days at Liverpool.....8 Gary Lineker is too much of a softie to be taken seriously - he rarely criticises.....6 Mark Lawrenson is a good addition to the





David Ginola He may

look good under the TV

with anything worth

lights but will he come up

listening to?.....7







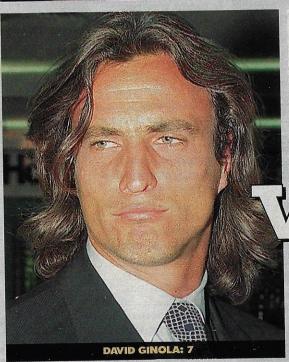
Ian St John

always states the obvious and some may feel he's a little past his sell-by date.......Rating 5 Kevin Keegan sits on the fence far too often because he does not like to upset anybody.....5 Terry Venables, former England manager, has always had the gift of the gab and for the most part he has something useful to say, too......8 Bobby Robson is another former England manager who commands great respect and whose views cannot be ignored - if he gets his words out correctly......7 Alex Ferguson is worth listening to but will need to cheer up and smile more in front of the cameras.... 7 Barry Venison is a great talker who will say what he thinks......8 Tohn Barnes may be up there in the fashion stakes with Venison but that's about it..... Ruud Gullit has a smile to match his eloquence. Probably ITV's biggest asset, as the Beeb know only too well, because he knows what he's talking

ITV TOTAL 78

how to say it.....10

about and knows just





WORLD GUP FRAMESIS98

GROUP A

- 1. BRAZIL
- 2. SCOTLAND
- 3. MOROCCO
- 4. NORWAY

BRAZIL V SCOTLAND

St Denis (Paris), Wednesday, June 10th BBC1-4.30pm

MOROCCO V NORWAY

BRAZIL V MOROCCO

SCOTLAND V NORWAY

BRAZIL V NORWAY

Marseille, Tuesday, June 23rd BBC1-8.00pr

SCOTLAND V MOROCCO

GROUP B

- 1. ITALY
- 2. CHILE
- 3. CAMEROON
 - 4. AUSTRIA

ITALY V CHILE

Bordeaux, Thursday, June 11th ITV-4.30pm

CAMEROON V AUSTRIA

ITALY V CAMEROON

Montpellier, Wednesday, June 17th ITV-8.00pm

CHILE V AUSTRIA

ITALY V AUSTRIA

St Denis (Paris), Tuesday, June 23rd ITV-3.00pm

CHILE V CAMEROON

Nantes

Paris

Lens

BELGIUM V MEXICO

HOLLAND V MEXICO

GROUP E

1. HOLLAND

2. BELGIUM

3. SOUTH KOREA

4. MEXICO

HOLLAND V BELGIUM

St Denis (Paris), Saturday, June 13th BBC1-8.00pm

SOUTH KOREA V MEXICO

HOLLAND V SOUTH KOREA

Marseille, Saturday, June 20th ITV-8.00

BELGIUM V SOUTH KOREA

GROUP F

- 1. GERMANY
 - 2. USA
- 3. YUGOSLAVIA
 - 4. IRAN

YUGOSLAVIA V IRAN

St Etienne, Sunday, June 14th BBC1-4.30pm

GERMANY V USA

GERMANY V YUGOSLAVIA

USA VIRAN

GERMANY V IRAN

USA V YUGOSLAVIA

GROUP C

- 1. FRANCE
- 2. SOUTH AFRICA
- 3. SAUDI ARABIA
- 4. DENMARK

FRANCE V SOUTH AFRICA Marseille, Friday, June 12th ITV-8.00pm

SAUDI ARABIA V DENMARK

FRANCE V SAUDI ARABIA

SOUTH AFRICA V DENMARK

FRANCE V DENMARK

SOUTH AFRICA V SAUDI ARABIA

- 3. PARAGUAY

SPAIN V PARAGUAY

NIGERIA V PARAGUAY

GROUP D

- 4. BULGARIA

SPAIN V NIGERIA

1. SPAIN

- 2. NIGERIA

PARAGUAY V BULGARIA Montpellier, Friday, June 12th ITV-1.30pm

NIGERIA V BULGARIA

SPAIN V BULGARIA

Bordeaux

Toulouse

Lyon

St Etienne

Marseille

Montpellier

England Ist round

Scotland 1st round

GROUP G

- 1. ROMANIA
- 2. COLOMBIA
- 3. ENGLAND
- 4. TUNISIA

ROMANIA V COLOMBIA

ENGLAND V TUNISIA

ROMANIA V ENGLAND Toulouse, Monday, June 22nd ITV-8.00pm

COLOMBIA V TUNISIA

ROMANIA V TUNISIA

St Denis (Paris), Friday, June 26th BBC1-8.00pm **COLOMBIA V ENGLAND**

GROUP H

- 1. ARGENTINA
- 2. JAPAN
- 3. JAMAICA
- 4. CROATIA

ARGENTINA V JAPAN

JAMAICA V CROATIA

JAPAN V CROATIA

Nantes, Saturday, June 20th ITV-1.30pm ARGENTINA V JAMAICA

ARGENTINA V CROATIA

Bordeaux, Friday, June 26th ITV-3.00pm JAPAN V JAMAICA

2ND ROUND-LAST 16

1.Winner A v Runner-up B Paris, Saturday, June 27th

2. Winner B v

Runner-up A

3. Winner C v Runner-up D

4. Winner D v Runner-up C St Denis (Paris), Sunday, June 28

5. Winner E v Runner-up F Toulouse, Monday, June 29th

6. Winner F v Runner-up E ontpellier, Monday, June 29 7. Winner G v Runner-up H

8.Winner H v Runner-up G St Etienne, Tuesday, June 30th

OUARTER FINALS

A.Winner 1 v Winner 4 Nantes, Friday, July 3rd

B.Winner 2 v Winner 3

C.Winner 5 v Winner 8

D.Winner 6 v Winner 7 Lyon, Saturday, July 4th

SEMIL-FINALS

A.Winner A v Winner C Marseille, Tuesday, July 7th

B. Winner B v Winner D St Denis (Paris), Wednesday, July 8th

PLAY-OFF 3RD & 4TH

Loser 1 v Loser 2

Paris, Saturday, July 11th

Winner 1 v Winner 2

St Denis (Paris), Sunday, July 12th

ALL MATCH TIMES ARE IN BRITISH SUMMER TIME

