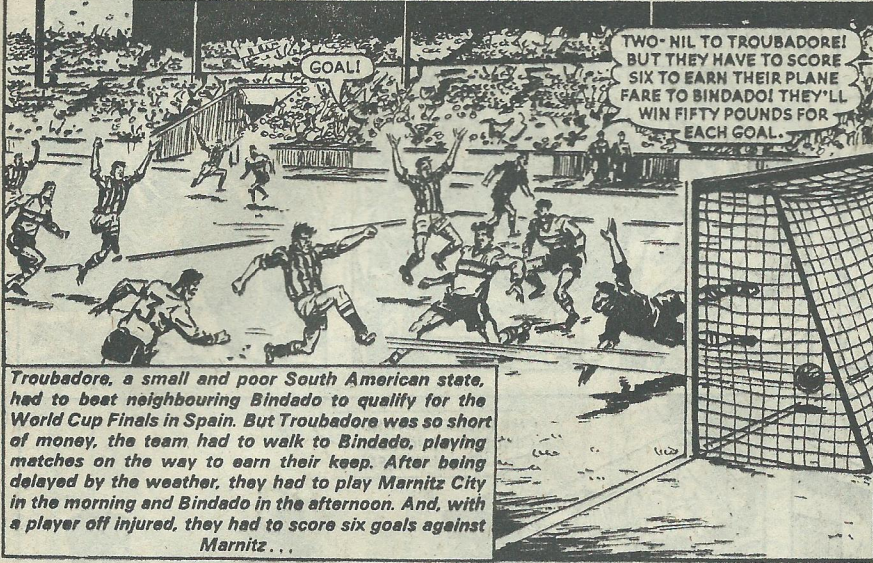


THE ROCKY ROAD TO SPAIN



GOAL!

TWO-NIL TO TROUBADORE! BUT THEY HAVE TO SCORE SIX TO EARN THEIR PLANE FARE TO BINDADO! THEY'LL WIN FIFTY POUNDS FOR EACH GOAL.

Troubadore, a small and poor South American state, had to beat neighbouring Bindado to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain. But Troubadore was so short of money, the team had to walk to Bindado, playing matches on the way to earn their keep. After being delayed by the weather, they had to play Marnitz City in the morning and Bindado in the afternoon. And, with a player off injured, they had to score six goals against Marnitz...

THREE-NIL OWN-GOAL!

FIRST TIME THIS SEASON MARNITZ CITY HAVE CONCEDED MORE THAN ONE GOAL!



Jesse immediately flashed into action.

NO ONE WAS MARKING HIM! THEY THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A PASSENGER!

FIVE-NIL. IT'S A MASSACRE!



The Marnitz City captain received the ball from the throw-in, dribbled towards his own goal, and...



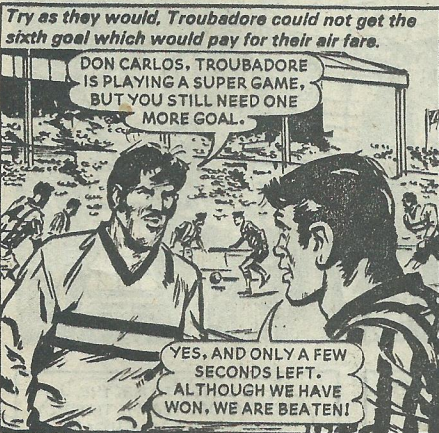
The Troubadore attack was a roaring fury.

PENALTY, REFI

Don Carlos Smith, the Troubadore captain, made sure from the spot-kick. Four-nil.



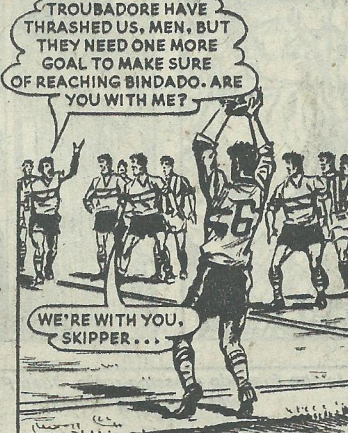
REF, OUR INJURED PLAYER, JOSE CRAELLO, IS READY TO COME BACK.



Try as they would, Troubadore could not get the sixth goal which would pay for their air fare.

DON CARLOS, TROUBADORE IS PLAYING A SUPER GAME, BUT YOU STILL NEED ONE MORE GOAL.

YES, AND ONLY A FEW SECONDS LEFT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WON, WE ARE BEATEN!



TROUBADORE HAVE THRASHED US, MEN, BUT THEY NEED ONE MORE GOAL TO MAKE SURE OF REACHING BINDADO. ARE YOU WITH ME?

WE'RE WITH YOU, SKIPPER...



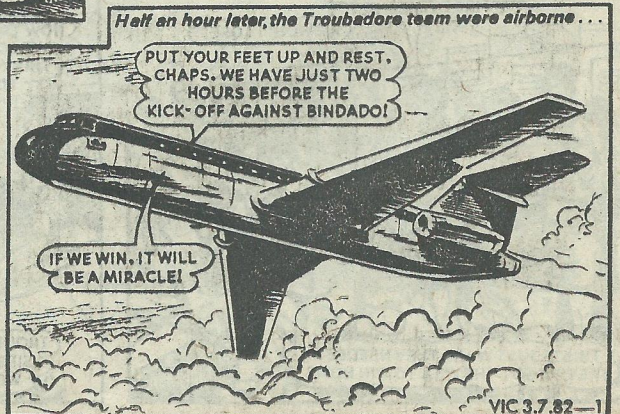
THE SKIPPER'S GIVEN THEM THE GOAL THEY NEED!

IT IS ONLY RIGHT! WE WERE SOUNDLY BEATEN! THE GOAL MEANS MORE TO TROUBADORE THAN IT DOES TO US!



A GREAT SPORTING GESTURE, MARNITZ!

YOU HAVE SENT US TO BINDADO... WE THANK YOU!



Half an hour later, the Troubadore team were airborne...

PUT YOUR FEET UP AND REST, CHAPS. WE HAVE JUST TWO HOURS BEFORE THE KICK-OFF AGAINST BINDADO!

IF WE WIN, IT WILL BE A MIRACLE!