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WORLD CUP DRAW
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Everywhere you walk in Volgograd you are reminded of the War; statues, monuments, museums, military relics. On Lenin Prospect, the main thoroughfare, is a statue of Lenin in defiant pose pointing to a communist utopia. It is at the entrance to Pavlov's house, where the Red Army held out for 60 days under heavy fire in the battle of Stalingrad, as the city was formerly named. A war memorial and museum now stand here. It is easy to see how events of 1942 have shaped the past, present and future of this city. I decided to draw in black and white, adding just a bit of colour as the fans pass by taking selfies and soaking up the history. It is 35C outside and the England and Tunisian fans have gone. Supporters from Nigeria and Iceland have replaced them. On the streets, at least, Iceland outnumber Nigeria ten to one, and the teams battle it out at 4pm today.



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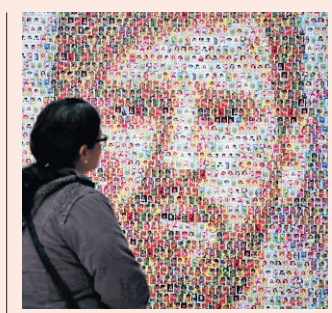
Captain Kane's call to arms falls flat



Harry Kane posted a photo on Twitter yesterday showing members of the squad stretching with one arm raised. The caption read: "Hands up if you're looking forward to Sunday." Of course, most of the England set-up would gladly raise their hands in excitement at the Panama game, but as fans were quick to point out it might be a problem for Gareth Southgate with his dislocated shoulder.

The faith in Messi starts to get rather tacky

In case Lionel Messi forgets that the fading hopes of Argentina rest on his left foot, a mural of his visage formed of 2,000 football stickers should remind him. The artwork resides at the Casa Rosada museum in Buenos Aires, and spans Argentina's football history. Diego Maradona and 1978 World Cup final hero Mario Kempes took



their chance to pose in-front of the larger than life Messi depiction.

Peru supporters struggle up in the gods

A striking feature of the Ekaterinburg Arena, venue for France against Peru yesterday, are the enormous open-air extensions to the stands behind each goal. Fans get quite the vantage point from 148 feet up in the air at the highest point, but

are rather exposed to the elements. They also have to climb around 300 steps to reach their seat. "It's very far from the game," said David Flores, who traveled from Lima to support Peru. "In my country, the stands are much closer to the pitch."

Take a bow Patrice for being uninformed

As a former France left-back, Patrice Evra would know a thing or two about French full-backs. Wouldn't he? Wrong. The ITV pundit, wearing the bow-tie that is his only unique selling point, admitted he knew

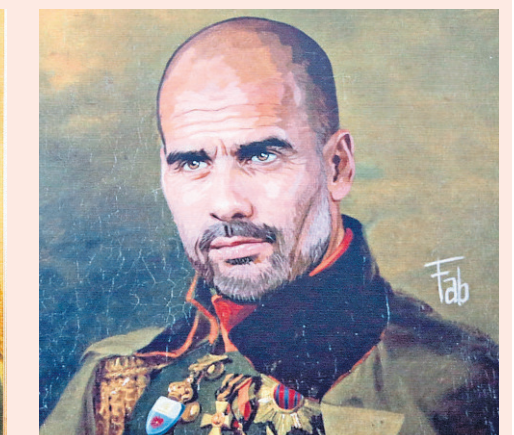
little of either France full-back (Benjamin Pavard and Lucas Hernandez) who started against Peru. Pavard is a centre-back playing out of position, but Hernandez plays for Atletico Madrid for pity's sake.

Dogs of war
Four great campaigners given military touch

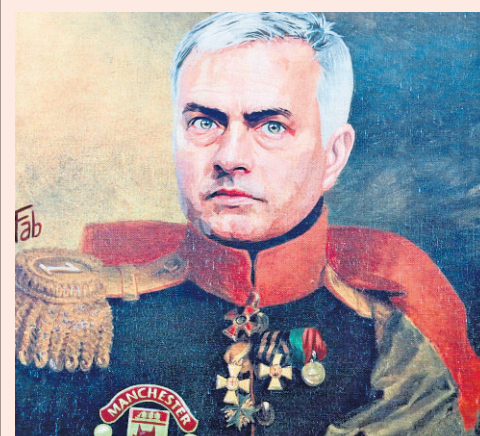
Football is everywhere in Russia - even in the Museum of the Russian Academy of Arts where Italian artist Fabrizio Birimbelli has mocked up four legends of the game as military figures for his *Like the Gods* exhibition.



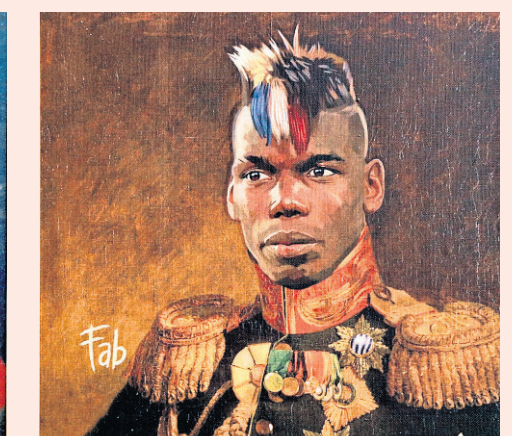
Wayne Rooney: More hirsute than usual



Pep Guardiola: Dripping with medals



Jose Mourinho: Battle-hardened



Paul Pogba: Patriotism has gone to his head