

# YUGOSLAVIA HAILS DEFEAT OF RUSSIA

LONDON, July 23 (UP)—Yugoslavia's 3--1 defeat of a favored Russian team in the Olympic soccer play-offs was reported in Soviet newspapers today without comment.

However, in Belgrade the Yugoslav newspaper Politika hailed the defeat of the Soviet team at Tampere yesterday as upsetting "the myth of the invincibility of Soviet sportsmen, which had been artificially made by the Soviet rulers."

Russian victories at the Helsinki Olympic games were front page news in the entire Soviet press, but the bare result was all the newspapers carried on the Soviet soccer defeat.

Politika said the Russian defeat partially was caused by the Russian players being isolated from international competition. The Belgrade newspaper said the Russian authorities required their players to play the game not for a result, but to "become monopolists . . . to be what their government required, 'the best in the world'.

"This tendency to monopoly through propaganda tricks resulted in yesterday's Russian defeat," the newspaper said according to a Tanjug Agency dispatch received here. The newspaper concluded "let Moscow, which for years has sabotaged international cooperation while maintaining they were the best at everything, now explain the situation to its disappointed public."

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