

Soccer Facts...

And Fiction!

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The important hints in the puzzle are that it is a game of proper nouns and also, the mention of turns in the same direction for the first part and turns to alternate directions in the second part.

The logic here lies in the first letter of the proper nouns and the index which corresponds to the displacement from the letter. The displacement is in opposite directions (hinted by road making two turns to the right side for every one turn to the left and so on) and that the indices are not in order. It needs to be arranged in ascending order of indices. In other words, the puzzle essentially becomes

- Matthaus won the world cup only once as a captain.
- Maradona played in two world cup finals.
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- Deutschland have finished in bronze position or better a record eleven times.

Hence, the first letter is 'L' ('M' from Matthaus displaced by 1 in one direction), 'O' ('M' from Maradona displaced by 2 in other direction), 'C' ('F' from Fontaine displaced by 3 in first direction) and so on. Following this pattern, the word that emerges is LOCOMOTIVES.

An internet search of SOCCER STADIUMS and LOCOMOTIVES (Las Vegas may be used to aid the search as well) leads to a Wikipedia page of Sam Boyd stadium which was home to Las Vegas Locomotives. Hence, the solution to the puzzle is **SAM BOYD STADIUM**.

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