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What they are saying at the World

"I have left him to boil in his own soup. He is a fantastic guy but he must change his computer chip"

- Italy coach Marcello Lippi rages about his midfielder Daniele de Rossi who was sent off for elbowing a US opponent.

"What's that all about? Put it this way, I wouldn't have him up on stage with me"

- Sir Mick Jagger on Peter Crouch's robot dance.

"I'm desperate to beat Sweden before I finish as England coach" -Sven Goran Eriksson.

"Of course I'm watching the football - it's impossible not to get into it. I don't care if the USA is in the World Cup, I'm supporting England all the way'

- Sex And The City star Kim Cattrall.

"It is only when you stand next to 60,000 Sweden fans in their canary yellow shirts that you can fully appreciate that there is some genetic discrepancy in the world when it comes to handing out cheekbones and good skin"

-TV's Gabby Logan.

"Tunisia's goalkeeper Ali Boumnijel is the only player at the tournament who was alive when England won the World Cup in

-World Cup trivia.

"International football, more than any other, is about occupying the middle ground"

Jamie Redknapp takes a leaf out of Tony Blair's book. "The referee's always right, even

when he's not" - Australian midfielder Vince Grella on the performance of

German referee Markus Merk. "You've got to criticise someone, so it might as well be me. But I've got broad shoulders and I am totally at

ease with myself" -Michael Owen.

"I just don't think we can say we've beaten Japan and give Brazil a run for the money and now we're out... we've got to go for it, second round and mix it with some more bigboys"

- Aussie defender Lucas Neill says the Socceroos must aim high.

"Harry Kewell got presented with a gift and I think he was that surprised that he took a second to think about it and it was too late"

- Neill on Kewell missing an open goal in the 57th minute against Brazil.

"At times they struggled to cope

with us, which is great"

Australian skipper Mark Viduka on giving Brazil a fright.

FIFA wants 100% guarantee

REUTERS, Berlin

FIFA will not consider using video evidence or other goal-line technology to determine if a goal has been scored until it is 100 per cent reliable, spokesman Markus Siegler said on Monday.

The issue was raised again after TV replays suggested France should have taken a 2-0 lead in the 32nd minute of Sunday's match against South Korea at the Zentralstadion in Leipzig.

Patrick Vieira's header looked well over the line despite goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae's efforts to

clawit away. Mexican referee Benito Archundia waved play on and the goal did not stand. The teams eventually drew their Group G match 1-1 leaving France's prog-

ress at the finals in the balance. World soccer's governing body FIFA experimented with new technology last year when they used a ball with a microchip in it at the world under-17 championship in

Peru. If that experiment had proved faultless the same technology would have been used at the World Cup, but Siegler reiterated FIFA's

policy again on Monday. "The experiment with the chip ball in Peru was 'not bad' but it was not 100 percent conclusive," he

said. "We are open about reviewing technological support, but its introduction depends on a system being developed that is 100 percent reliable, otherwise we will not use

FIFA has continuously refused to allow video evidence to be used to determine whether a goal is scored or not.

The governing body's president Sepp Blatter maintains that football must have a "human face" and that "human error" by referees and players alike is part of the game.

FIFA are continually working with their various partners on technological advances but, for the time being, none are being considered for use at the World Cup.



French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez (2nd L) and teammate William Gallas (L) watch South Korean midfielder Park Ji-sung (not in picture) scores the equaliser

Dick gives licence to



AFP, Leipzig

Delighted coach Dick Advocaat allowed South Korea time to savour their heroic 1-1 draw with 1998 winners France before knuckling down for the Group G crunch match with Switzerland. South Korea, the surprise 2002

semifinalists, battled back from a goal down to grab a point from France on Sunday and currently lead Group Gonfour points.

"It is now important we celebrate a little bit the draw against France," said Advocaat, who led Holland to the quarterfinals of the 1994 World Cup. "It (securing a draw with a top European side) does not happen often away from Korea and now is the time to let the boys celebrate and

tomorrow night we start concentrating on the match against Switzerland. "The last game (in the group) is

the most important and that is against the Swiss Switzerland, who drew their opener with France, take on Togo on Monday and then face South Korea

matches, meet Togo in a must-win fixture the same day. France will be without ageing playmaker Zinedine Zidane and defender Eric Abidal for their final game after they picked up their second yellow cards of the tourna-

Advocaat said that he was proud of his players especially the way they took the game to France in the second half culminating in an equaliser from Manchester United star Park Ji-Sung.

"First of all I am very proud of the team," he said. "Same as the match with Togo, we went a goal down (to a

Thierry Henry strike) and still managed to get a draw against, in my opinion, still a great French team. "In the first half we were lucky to he only 1-0 down because they con-

trolled the match for most of the 45 minutes-it took a lot of energy out of "In the second half we were better in their final group game on June 23. organised -- we brought in an extra France, who have drawn both their

winger (Seol Ki-Hyeon) and from that moment some parts of the game we could control, we could attack. "Still you know that, with one break, the French can score the second but, fortunately for us,

despite all the quality France have in their side, we could score a goal 10 minutes from the end." Advocaat batted away a question about whether Korean keeper Lee Woon-Jae had clawed back a first half

header from Patrick Vieira after it had crossed the line. 'It was not a goal - the score was 1-

1."he said. French coach Raymond

stays 1-0 that you will concede a goal and we did. "I'm disappointed, but there is

Domenech.

still a match to go and we have to hope for the best

Domenech saw the incident differ-

he said. "You need such a result (a

goal) after a lot of pressure. That (the

referee not awarding the goal) was

quarters for sticking with an ageing

team, put out the country's oldest

ever international side with an aver-

year-old defender Lilian Thuram,

equalled Marcel Desailly's record of

the second half and we didn't keep

the ball long enough," said

"We had our chances when it was -0 but there is always a risk when it

116 appearances for Les Bleus.

One of the old stagers, thirty-four-

"They really pushed really hard in

eage of 30 years and 289 days.

the turning point in the game, yes."

"This 'goal' was not recognised,"

Domenech, under fire in some

Blame it on 'deeper ro



REUTERS, Munich

The cheeky flicks and backheels are there but the absence of the everpresent grin indicates that something is not quite right.

Brazil have won their first two games at the World Cup, are already in the second round and have done it without Ronaldinho scaling anything like the heights he reaches for Barcelona. Twice World Player of the Year,

world champion and Champions League winner, there seems to be little that Ronaldinho has not achieved.

Critics say one thing he has not done is to produce his best for his country and in Brazil's matches so . far he has done little to prove them

On Sunday, he completed four full internationals without scoring, his last goal for his country coming

in the spectacular 4-1 win over Argentina in last year's Confederations Cup final

There were plenty of the usual deft flicks but after that Ronaldinho appeared short on inspiration, often reduced to attempting 50-

metre crossfield passes which

ended up going out of play. He was not helped by the lack of movement up front from Ronaldo and Adriano, which often forced him to about-turn and look for an alternative.

Ronaldinho appears to be suffering from playing a deeper role than he performs for Barcelona and is also burdened with the chore of marking the opposition when the opposition has the ball.

"When he plays for Barcelona, Ronaldinho is also an exceptional forward, which hasn't happened in the first two games," said former Brazil striker Tostao.

Most Brazilian commentators agreed that there was a considerable improvement on Sunday from the disjointed performance in the opening 1-0 win over Croatia.

However, the South Americans

look anything but potential world champions.

Ronaldo, while improving on his performance against Croatia, is still a slow, lumbering shadow of the player who scored eight goals at the 2002 World Cup.

His striking partner Adriano, who scored the first goal against Australia, has also been far from the player who finished top-scorer at the 2004 Copa America and last year's Confederations Cup.

Brazil looked most impressive in the last 20 minutes when Robinho replaced Ronaldo, which is likely to increase pressure on coach Carlos Alberto Parreira to rest the "Phenomenal One".

"With Robinho on the field, the team flows, and Kaka and Ronaldinho also benefit " wrote Fernando Calazans in O Globo.

Parreira now has a dud game against Japan at his disposal.

He can experiment with alternatives or persist with the current line-up and hope that his so-called Magic Quartet finally live up to their billing.



Ronaldinho (L) celebrates with Brazil's scorer Fred after their 2-0 win over Australia at the Allianz Arena in Munich on



AFP, Munich

Australia's Socceroos say it will be a dangerous mindset to play for a draw in their 'Cup final' with Croatia on Thursday to advance to the last 16 of the World Cup. The Australians controlled play

for long periods but had nothing to

show for a 2-0 loss to world champi-

ons Brazil here Sunday, but they still have second-round destiny in their hands going into the showdown with the 23rd-ranked Croatians in Stuttgart. Guus Hiddink's resurgent team have three points, two more than

Croatia, who drew 0-0 with Japan earlier on Sunday in Nuremberg, and have a better goal difference of one to take into their crunch match with the 1998World Cup semifinalists.

A draw will be enough for Australia to join Brazil in the knockout phase, but the players say they

today's match against England.

will be going for the kill in what is shaping as an emotional occasion with ancestral ties between both national teams.

"I think when you go out to look for a draw usually you lose, in my experience anyway, but our team doesn't know how to play for the draw, we just go for it," said skipper Mark Viduka, who has Croatian family ties.

Liverpool's Harry Kewell, who botchedanopengoalinthe57thminute in one of Australia's several second-half scoring chances, said it's not Australia's waytogo for the soft option. "I don't think we can go out against Croatia and look for a draw,"

he said after Sunday's match. "I think

we have to go out and win the game

because that's what we do, we don't go out to play soft football, we go out "It's going to be a massive game for us and Australia. It means a lot for us to get through and a lot to the Australian fans. We're going to be up

for it and it should be a cracking

Central defender Lucas Neill, who has been one of Australia's best performers at the World Cup, loves and it costus." being involved in the greatest sports

show on Earth and craves for more. 'I just don't think we can say we've beaten Japan and given Brazila run for the money and now we're out... we've got to go for it, second round and mix it with some more big boys," he said.

We have to win, you ask anyone and they'll tell you it's very hard to play for a draw and Guus (Hiddink) only knows one way anyway. The players were Monday reflect-

ing on how they dominated five-time champions Brazil for long stretches of the second half, yet paid for several missed chances, which could have at least earned them a draw, maybe even a tournament-tilting win.

"We proved yesterday that we weren't afraid to go out and play Brazil and I'm proud of every single one of the boys because they showed what we are really made of," Kewell

Neill added: "We kept Ronaldo quiet and Ronaldinho didn't really hurt us, Kaka was huffing and puff ing, but overall it was just two lapses in concentration, two off-side goals

Importantly, all four of the players on yellow cards from the Japan win --Craig Moore, Tim Cahill, Vince Grella and John Aloisi -- all got through without another card against Brazil. Hiddink, who has masterfully

11 months in charge, was proud of the Socceroos' performance, which again captivated a sports-mad nation Down Under. "I am not happy with the result, but I am proud of the way we played during the whole game and how we

reshaped the Australian team in his

came into the game with the right attitude," Hiddink told his postmatch press conference. "We had two or three good opportunities in the second half but we failed to take them, but the pressure we put on Brazil forced them to counter-attack... we're proud but our

hands are empty. "There is no doubt about our team morale, it's very high but it's more the case of how we approach Croatia tactically and mentally.

"These players are making a huge football impression world-wide."

Keeping the fingers



AFP, Tokyo

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Desperate fans across Japan were left praying Monday for a repeat of their miracle win over Brazil at the 1996 Olympics, with hopes of remaining in the World Cup now resting on beating the title holders.

Led by Brazilian coach Zico, Japan pulled out a 0-0 draw with Croatia in an unimpressive second game Sunday, meaning that they now have to defeat the powerhouse side to survive.

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although it is hanging by a thin piece of skin," wrote the Tokyo Chunichi Sports newspaper. "Japan must defeat Brazil. God, make a miracle!

But many admitted beating the champions on Friday seemed far-Amane Suzuki, 30, a company

worker and amateur football player, said that Japan may just not be in the ranks of top football nations yet.

"It's very frustrating. Now we have a very limited chance of advancing," said Suzuki, wearing a "Samurai Blue" jersey as he watched the Croatia match at a Tokyo bar.

"Our strikers are crap. There were some moments when they could have taken shots but they didn't," he said.

Ryu Fukumoto, 29, who sold his ticket to watch the match in Leipzig because he could not find a hotel, made do instead by taking part in an impromptu post-game rally with drums and flags in the Shibuya nightlife district.

We could have won but we

missed a lot of chances. It's really regrettable," Fukumoto said. 'We need to look at what other teams are doing. We need to be

more aggressive. Japanese media clung to hopes that the national side could score a

breakthrough. The draw was almost a loss," Nikkan Sports said. "So as not to waste the draw and to answer support from home, Zico's Japan has to bring about a miracle.



Swedish forward Marcus Allback (R) makes push-ups as midfielder Tobius Linderoth stretches during a training session in Bremen on Sunday ahead of their

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A FILTHY RICH LADY HAILS FROM AN ISLAND NEAR SICILY, IS Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.