

WC QUOTES

What they are saying at the World Cup: '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.



French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez (2nd L) and teammate William Gallas (L) watch South Korean midfielder Park Ji-sung (not in picture) scores the equaliser during their match at Leipzig stadium on Sunday.

Dick gives licence to thrill



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.

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.'

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 be only 1-0 down because they controlled the match for most of the 45 minutes - it took a lot of energy out of us.'

Domenech saw the incident differently. 'This goal' was not recognised,' he said. 'You need such a result (a goal) after a lot of pressure. That (the referee not awarding the goal) was the turning point in the game, yes.'

Socceroos to go for the kill



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.

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.

performers at the World Cup, loves 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 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 big boys,' he said.

and it cost us.' 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.

Blame it on 'deeper role'



REUTERS, Munich

The cheeky flicks and backheels are there but the absence of the ever-present 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.

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.

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.



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

Keeping the fingers crossed



AFP, Tokyo

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.

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-fetched.

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.

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 Sieglar said on Monday.



Swedish forward Marcus Allback (R) makes push-ups as midfielder Tobias Linderoth stretches during a training session in Bremen on Sunday ahead of their today's match against England.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 25 mins and a list of words to be found.

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