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# Ghana over the moon

Ghana 2 USA 1

AFP, Nuremberg

Stephen Appiah scored on a penalty kick in the second minute of first-half injury time Thursday to give Ghana a 2-1 World Cup victory over the United States, advancing the Africans to the second round.

Ghana's World Cup debutants also eliminated the Americans, who needed a victory and Italy triumph over the Czech Republic in another Group E match to reach the knockout rounds.

The Italians did their part, defeating the Czechs 2-1 to win the group. That opened the door for the US team and also meant Ghana only needed a draw with the Americans to advance.

The Black Stars followed up the shocker of the tournament, a 2-0 triumph over the second-ranked Czechs, by using their speed to create opportunities and frustrate an American attack desperate for offence but unable to convert.

Ghana captain Appiah grabbed back momentum from the Americans just before half-time

after Clint Dempsey had scored in the 43rd minute to equalise. Ghana's Haminu Draman opened the scoring in the 22nd minute.

US defender Oguchi Onyewu tackled Ghana forward Razak Pimpong from behind in the penalty area, the foul setting up Appiah, a former Juventus midfielder, for a scoring blast that found the net to the left of US goalkeeper Kasey Keller.

Needing two second-half goals for any hope of advancing, US coach Bruce Arena brought on 22-year-old forward Eddie Johnson in the 61st minute and attacking midfielder Bobby Convey in the 74th to spark offence.

Ghana's defence was equal to the challenge, though not without several players tumbling to the ground after contact to derisive whistles from US supporters.

Draman was carried off on a stretcher with an ice pack on the front of his upper right leg, leaving a 10-man Ghana to deal with the desperate US attack for several minutes until Alex Tachie-Mensah replaced him in the 80th minute.

At the final whistle, most players shook hands with their US coun-

terparts, then raced to a corner of the Frankenstadion where their supporters were in a joyous frenzy. Dempsey netted the first US goal of the tournament off a brilliant cross from DaMarcus Beasley to energize the 2002 World Cup quarterfinalists.

Draman, who replaced yellow-card suspended midfielder Sulley Muntari, stole the ball from US captain Claudio Reyna and raced in alone on Keller from the right side, then flicked a right-footed shot past him inside the far post.

Keller, 36, is winless in four World Cups, two as a starter.

Reyna was stretched off the field after the play but returned to the field until the 43rd minute when Ben Olsen replaced him. Reyna's left knee was treated on the sidelines.

Muntari and Asamoah Gyan who both scored in Ghana's win over the Czechs, were both suspended for the match for accumulated yellow cards.

Midfielder Michael Essien will miss their next match after the Chelsea star drew a yellow in the fifth minute for a foul on Reyna, his

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PARTY TIME: Ghana midfielder Haminu Draman (bottom C) is the toast of his teammates after he struck the first goal against USA at Nuremberg's Franken Stadium on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Italy send Czechs home

Italy 2 Czech Republic 0

AFP, Hamburg

Italy moved into the last 16 of the World Cup and sent the Czech Republic home after defeating their Group E rivals 2-0 here on Thursday.

Marco Materazzi put Italy in front with a towering first-half header before his fellow substitute Filippo Inzaghi finished a breakaway attack in the 87th minute to ensure the Azzurri finished top of the group.

Italy only needed a draw to advance and their task was made easier in first-half stoppage time when the Czech Republic's Jan Polak was sent off for receiving a second yellow card.

The Czechs, who needed to win to progress, enjoyed spells of pressure but when they did breach the Italian defence they found keeper Gianluigi Buffon in imperious form.

The Czechs threatened first after a sublime pass from Pavel

Nedved opened up a statuesque Italian defence.

The former European Footballer of the Year, who has played in Italy for the last 10 years, clipped the ball over Fabio Cannavaro's head and into the path of Baros whose angled shot was blocked by Buffon.

Baros was recalled to the Czech's starting line-up after missing the first two matches with a foot injury.

Buffon had to be alert again moments later, diving low to gather Nedved's speculative drive.

The Czechs maintained the pressure and almost made the breakthrough after a robust run by Nedved.

The Czech playmaker pulled the

trigger from 20 yards and Buffon got down low to palm the ball away, but only as far as Marek Jankulovski.

The marauding leftback, who also plays in Italy, tried to steer the ball across goal but Buffon snuffed out the danger with his shins.

The Italians were forced into making a substitution in the 17th minute when central defender Alessandro Nesta limped off feeling his groin.

Materazzi came on and nine minutes later he was on the score-sheet.

Francesco Totti swung over a corner from the right and Materazzi jumped highest to plant a firm, downward header past Petr Cech.

Karel Poborsky rolled a shot harmlessly wide as the Czechs tried to muster a reply, but the hill they had to climb became a mountain when Polak was sent off in first-half stoppage time after clattering into Totti.

Totti almost extended Italy's lead in the 53rd minute, but his

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As it so often happens, the premier did not live up to the billing. Or how else could you describe the drab 0-0 draw that was the result of the prospective best match of the tournament? Holland versus Argentina: a match of traditional football giants facing of against each other. On paper at least, it had the makings of a humdinger.

Needless to say it did not materialise. The signs were there for all to see but naivety or the sense of hope made us stay up late to watch a football spectacle that never really took off. Both teams rested starters and the closest anyone came to scoring a goal was when Dutch defender Khalid Boulharouz struck the post -- of his own goal.

The Argentines rested their first choice striking pair Hernan Crespo and Javier Saviola along with Gabriel Heinze and Juan Pablo Sorin. They were replaced with no less star names though as Lionel

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## TOGO V FRANCE

# Moment of truth

AFP, Cologne

Juventus striker David Trezeguet is set to get the call up to help France seal World Cup qualification from Group G against already eliminated Togo here on Friday.

The 1998 champions, weakened by the absence of suspended captain Zinedine Zidane and Eric Abidal, need to beat Otto Pfister's African debutants by a margin of two goals here on Friday to ensure their passage to the last 16.

A one goal difference would leave them praying for an outright winner from the game between Switzerland and South Korea.

Anything less and Raymond Domenech's team will be heading back to Paris.

They take on the Togolese amid accusations of dodgy refereeing from Domenech and speculation of a fall-out between him and Zidane.

Fuel was added to the fire of a rift between the pair when Zidane marched stony-faced past him after being substituted in injury time in Sunday's 1-1 draw with the

Koreans. But the coach insisted their relationship was fine.

"It's pure speculation, it's been two years now that you've talked about that," he told a press conference.

"What do you want me to say? We talk together; we speak about the team, what's going on. Everyone does their job, he does his

### TEAMS

**Togo (4-4-2)**  
 16-Kossi Agassa; 2-Dare Nibombe; 3-Jean Paul Yaoi Abalo Dosseh; 5-Massamasso Tchangan; 8-Kuami Agboh; 9-Thomas Dossevi; 10-Cherif Toure Mamam; 6-Yao Aziawanou; 17-Mohamed Kader Coubadja; 13-Richmond Forson; 4-Emmanuel Adebayor.

**France (4-4-2)**  
 16-Fabien Barthez; 19-Willy Sagnol; 15-Lilian Thuram; 5-William Gallas; 13-Mikael Silvestre; 22-Franck Ribery; 4-Patrick Vieira; 6-Claude Makelele; 7-Florent Malouda; 20-David Trezeguet; 12-Thierry Henry.

well. "He (Zidane) is the link between the players and the team management.

"Do you want me to make something up in order to tell you the opposite? I can't tell you anymore." Tackled on Zidane's evident anger at his 91st minute substitution in Leipzig the coach remarked: "Find me a player who'd be happy to leave the pitch with a game hanging like that.

"For me it's reassuring that he wasn't happy."

Zidane retires after these finals and he more than anyone will be hoping the throwing in disgust of his sweatband on the ground after his substitution won't be his last act in a French shirt.

Domenech's decision to team lone striker Thierry Henry up with Trezeguet may ensure a happier ending for the midfield maestro.

It's now or never for the duo, lying second and third in France's all time top scorer chart but whose free-scoring form for their clubs has been strangely missing for their country recently.

Before France's opener Trezeguet was critical of his coach's tactics.

"Domenech wants to have a well balanced side, a side which controls the opposition. I agree with that but you also have to note that there are sides who attack who are well organised as well.

"It's my opinion that we have to push forward, we've got all the attributes to do that.

"Brazil don't ask themselves any

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## LEADING SCORERS

AFP, Berlin

World Cup leading scorers after Thursday's Group-E matches:

- 4 - Klose (Germany)
- 3 - Fernando Torres (Spain)
- 2 - Bosacki (Poland), Bravo (Mexico), T Cahill (Australia), Crespo (Argentina), Delgado (Ecuador), Dindane (Ivory Coast), Gerrard (England), Maxi Rodriguez (Argentina), Rosicky (Czech Republic), C Tenorio (Ecuador), Villa (Spain), Wanchopé (Costa Rica)
- 1 - Adriano (Brazil), Ahn Jung-hwan (South Korea), Al Jaber (Saudi Arabia), Al Kahtani (Saudi Arabia), Alibek (Sweden), Aloisi (Australia), Appiah (Ghana), Bakhtiarzadeh (Iran), Barnetta (Switzerland), Cambiasso (Argentina), Cole (England), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Crouch (England), Cuevas (Paraguay), Deco (Portugal), Dempsey (United States), Dramani (Ghana), Drogba (Ivory Coast), Flaviio

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Saudi Arabia v Spain*	7:50 pm	Kaiserslautern
Switzerland v South Korea	12:50 am (Saturday)	Manover
Togo v France	12:50 am (Saturday)	Cologne

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