

Portuguese fans pour on to streets

REUTERS, Lisbon

Raucous celebrations erupted in Portugal on Sunday after the country beat the Netherlands 1-0 to reach the last eight of the World Cup.

Thousands of fans and drivers hooting their horns blocked Lisbon's main avenue as fans celebrated a dramatic win in which both teams had two men sent off, a record for the finals.

"I was a bit nervous after the expulsion of Costinha," said Manuel da Costa, who had wrapped himself in the Portuguese flag as he celebrated along Avenida da Liberdade in central Lisbon.

"Now we will see, but I am full of faith that we will be champions for the first time."

The side has already reached Brazilian-born coach Luis Felipe Scolari's ambition of taking the side to the last eight in the World Cup. It is already Portugal's best World Cup since they finished third in 1966.

At a prison about 40 km (25 miles) from Lisbon, inmates were glued to their television set in the dining room during the match. Portuguese flags were draped along the cells and corridors of the prison.

"Portugal has the team to knock England out in the quarterfinals," said Mustafa Vieira, who is six months from completing his six-year jail sentence. "From then on we'll see, it's a game of luck. We have the team to get to the final."

Verbeek new Korean coach

INTERNET, undated

Pim Verbeek, the assistant coach of South Korea, will succeed Dick Advocaat as head coach. It was announced by the Korean Football Association today.

The Dutchman, who has reportedly signed a two-year contract, knows the country well as he was also Guus Hiddink's right-hand man from December 2000 to June 2002.

According to the Korean media, Advocaat will join Russian club Zenit St Petersburg, leaving Verbeek to take over with immediate effect.

The Taeguk Warriors, who finished third in Group G, will turn their attention to qualifying for next summer's Asian Cup.

FIFA seeks explanations from Iran

AFP, Berlin

FIFA said Sunday they are writing to the Iranian Football Federation to ask the organisation to explain its dismissal of the president Mohammad Dadkan in the wake of the national team's first-phase World Cup elimination.

"A letter will be sent to the Iranian Federation," said Markus Sieglar, FIFA's director of communications. "FIFA is keen to underline that its affiliate federations must be run independently of local politics."

Dadkan was relieved of his duties after Iran finished bottom of Group D and Iran's Organisation of Physical Education, the country's highest-ranking sporting instance, issued a statement apologising to the populace in the belief that "their pride has been hurt."

Ronaldo blames Boulahrouz

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Cristiano Ronaldo believes Holland defender Khalid Boulahrouz deliberately injured him during Portugal's ill-tempered second round victory in Nuremberg.

Manchester United winger Ronaldo was forced to limp out of Portugal's stormy clash last night after sustaining a nasty gash plus bruising on his thigh following a woeful early challenge by Dutch defender Boulahrouz.

"It was just one incident in a tempestuous affair not helped by the performance of Russian referee Valentin Ivanov, who in total produced a World Cup finals record four red cards and an amazing 16 yellows, equalling the tournament best."

Ronaldo faces a race to be fit to take on England in Saturday's quarterfinal.

And the winger criticised Ivanov's general performance as well as his failure to send Boulahrouz off for the seventh-minute challenge.

"Considering what happened, I don't think this official should referee any more games in the World Cup."



Dutch coach Marco van Basten (R) stands motionless as forward Ruud van Nistelrooy (L), on the substitutes' bench, waits for his chance that never came during their match against Portugal at Nuremberg on Sunday.

A nightmare for Basten

AFP, Nuremberg

Fuming Dutch coach Marco van Basten hit out at the referee and "time-wasting" by Portugal after a World Cup defeat marked by 16 yellow cards and four dismissals.

Van Basten blamed the Russian referee and Portuguese trickery for the shambolic encounter that entered the record books as the dirtiest in World Cup history.

"It's also a pity that a referee in such an important game should make decisions in this way so we won't be able to see enough foot-

ball in the second half."

The Netherlands went a goal down after 23 minutes but their hopes were buoyed when Costinha was sent off just before half-time.

However, two Dutch players were among three second-half dismissals as the last 16 match descended into a stop-start mess of fouls and shoving matches.

Both teams ended the night with nine players and there were another eight on yellow cards as Portugal scraped home 1-0 winners.

"Out of the 45 minutes we weren't able to play enough football," van Basten said.

"Every minute there was a foul or the referee whistled so we weren't able to play proper football. It's

unfortunate."

Van Basten said Portugal had deliberately tried to disrupt the game by claiming fouls and arguing with the referee.

"Portugal are experienced opponents. I think that was the difference," he said.

"They were just a little bit more experienced with all these tricks and time-wasting. That was a pity."

His gamble in dropping first-choice striker Ruud van Nistelrooy failed to pay off with Dirk Kuyt unable to find the net despite good service from the wings.

Even late in the game, van Basten refused to bring on van Nistelrooy preferring to use PSV Eindhoven's Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink.

"With these small spaces it's difficult to play football so that's the reason we brought on Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink instead," van Basten said.

Van Nistelrooy admitted hating watching the match from the bench, where he has spent most of the season with Manchester United.

"It's awful sitting on the bench. You're a fan and a player rolled into one," said the striker.

It was van Basten's first competitive defeat since taking over the national team after Euro 2004, where the Netherlands were also knocked out by Portugal.

Portugal remain a bogey side for the Netherlands who are still awaiting their first win since 1991.

Rooney needs one goal

INTERNET, undated

Wayne Rooney believes he could soon be back to his best after helping England reach the World Cup quarter-finals with his first 90-minute performance for two months and claimed: "All I need is a goal."

The Manchester United star was used as the lone striker in the single-goal victory over Ecuador in Stuttgart and came through with flying colours to help set up a last-eight meeting with Portugal.

The plus point was Rooney actually looked stronger the longer the game went on in the strength-sapping heat and he appears to have put his broken metatarsal completely behind him.

England need Rooney firing on cylinders if they are to mount a realistic chance to lift the trophy

after another stuttering performance.

He said: "It was difficult playing on my own up front but I had good support from the midfielders and it worked for us in the end. Overall I think it was a decent performance and we deserved the result."

"Does playing 90 minutes give me more confidence? If I am being honest, I felt better in the final 30 minutes than the first hour so it is a positive thing for me."

"Hopefully it will help me for the next game. I don't know how far I am away from being back to my very best but I feel good. I have done well in the two games I've played in."

"All I need is a goal and hopefully that can come sooner rather than later."

Rooney would dearly love to earn England revenge over Portugal for their Euro 2004 exit after being forced out of the quarterfinal in the first half with a similar injury to the one he has recently encountered.

And he is confident Sven-

Goran Eriksson's side will raise their game against the better teams in the tournament.

He said: "The main thing is we got through to the quarter-finals. It was a difficult game against Ecuador and the main thing was the result."

"We've got Portugal next and I hope and know we can raise our game."

"We haven't really played to our best yet and we are still in the quarter-finals."

"Against Portugal, we will have to raise our game, I think, to get the right result."

Rooney added: "We are aware we are not that far away from the final but we know this is where the competition gets really tough and we will have to be at our very best."

"But I don't think we have struggled so far. We have played four games and have three wins and a draw. I don't think the performances have been as bad as people have made them out to be."

It is going alright and we have got the results we needed."

Press hails heroes of Nuremberg

AFP, Lisbon

Portuguese papers on Monday hailed the national side as heroes following their hard-fought 1-0 win over the Netherlands that took them into the World Cup quarter-finals.

"An epic victory!" and "What a Heart!" titled sports daily Record while rival A Bola went with "Heroes of the Resistance" and bragged "The sky is the limit for a team with such a spirit."

"Why not go right through to the final," the paper concluded.

A Bola said that Portugal had won a "battle of nerves" against the Dutch old foes in what turned into one of the roughest games in World Cup history with four red cards being brandished for the first time.

Publico laid much of the credit for the victory at the feet of coach Luiz Scolari "who has succeeded in gathering around him a band of warriors who are willing to die for him."

"Portugal wins the battle of Nuremberg" headlined Une Diario de Noticias while Jornal de Noticias noted that Portugal had not played their usual game but had had the good luck to score early on.

Zico's warning for Japan



AFP, Tokyo

Coach Zico bade farewell to Japan on Monday with a warning that the Asian champions, who were humiliated in the World Cup, face an uphill battle making up for their physical shortcomings.

The Brazilian legend, who is now looking for jobs at European clubs, regretted that no Asian countries, barring Australia, advanced in the World Cup.

"It is very disappointing that all the Asian teams failed to reach the next round, but when you compare the teams with those who reached, the difference is apparent," Zico told his final news conference as Japan's coach.

"No matter who their coaches are, it is up to the players. Unless they try to catch up with top teams in the world mentally and physically, it will be very difficult in the future as well."

Zico said that Asians, and particularly the Japanese, would always be hurt by their small stature compared with other nationalities.

"Even in the future Asian qualifying rounds for the World Cup, Japan will face a lot of long crosses from behind whenever they play a team which has a height advantage," Zico said.

"The forwards of those teams

are usually 190cm tall. Those of Italy and the Netherlands are also tall. When they find it is difficult to connect a ground pass, I'm sure they will send long crosses like Australia did."

Japan gave up an early lead to fall to Australia 3-1 in their debut World Cup match, dooming the "Samurai Blue" who drew with Croatia 0-0 and fell to champions Brazil 4-1 to finish at the bottom of Group F.

The biggest threat is that Australia has now joined the Asian



ZICO

Football Confederation. It is the biggest problem that the Japanese association and clubs have to solve urgently," Zico said.

He called on Japan to find ways to compensate.

"Japan's agility in volleyball

against tall and powerful teams once dominated the world, but they are now inferior to those teams. I never want the same thing to happen in Japanese football," Zico said.

"The Chinese players are taller than the Japanese in general and they are strongly supported by the country. The Russian-origin Asian countries are also dangerous."

Zico insisted that Japan have become stronger than four years ago, but the Japanese needed to play solidly throughout 90 minutes as they did in their 2-2 draw with Germany in a World Cup tune-up.

"My players gained a lot of confidence. They had felt inferior when they faced powerhouses before. But now they are confident that they can beat any teams if they play their own football," Zico said.

As for his own future, Zico said: "I'm going back to Rio de Janeiro to finish my other works. I want to continue my career as a head coach, if possible in a European club."

Zico -- once part of Brazil's "Golden Quarter" with Cerezo, Falcao and Socrates -- first came here in 1993 to play for the Kashima Antlers when Japan started its first professional league.

He replaced Frenchman Philippe Troussier, who coached Japan into the second round of the last World Cup played at home. Former Yugoslavia coach Ivica Osim is the favorite to succeed Zico.



Portuguese fans jubilate their victory over Netherlands while watching the match on a giant screen at Mayer Park in central Lisbon on Sunday.

BITS AND BOBS

Three of the Becks!

INTERNET, undated

With his brilliant freekick goal against Ecuador, David Beckham became the first Englishman to score in three FIFA World Cup™ competitions.

He scored once at France 98 (v Colombia another direct free-kick) and once at Korea/Japan 02 (v Argentina penalty).

While Gary Lineker is comfortably England's record scorer in FIFA World Cups with ten goals, Geoff Hurst is next best on five they all came in two editions, 1986 and 1990.

Michael Owen was hoping to strike at his third FIFA World Cup tournament (two in 1998 and two in 2002) but a serious knee injury picked up in the final group game against Sweden ended his involvement in the Germany showpiece.

He said: "It's not a problem at all - we are all Swiss and there is a good mood in the team."

"It's really great playing for this

Joaquin the surprise

INTERNET, undated

Joaquin could be the surprise element when Spain take on France in their World Cup second-round showdown in Hanover.

The Real Betis winger was originally considered as a standby for Liverpool's Luis Garcia in the link role between midfield and attack.

But with coach Luis Aragonés edging towards a 4-4-2 formation, Joaquin could be handed a start on the right. Joaquin missed out in Spain's convincing opener against Ukraine but proved his worth when he replaced Garcia early in the second half of their subsequent 3-1

win over Tunisia.

Adriano will stay

INTERNET, undated

The Brazilian striker will remain with the Nerazzurri.

After a lot of speculation that Adriano might be on his way out of Inter following a disappointing season and the misunderstandings with Roberto Mancini, Gilmar Rinaldi, the player's agent, revealed in an interview with a Portuguese daily sports newspaper that his client will remain at Inter.

"Adriano told me not to negotiate with anyone because he decided to continue at Inter. He told me he is very fine there, he bought a new house and has no intention of leaving."

"He wants to return and do better next season."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: EVERYONE ARRIVED IN LARGE NUMBERS TO SEE THE NEW HUGE MURAL. IT WAS A VERY BIG DRAW.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: L equals I



Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo leaves the pitch in tears after an injury during their match against Holland at the Nuremberg Stadium on Sunday.

The Cryptquip 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.