



SHOOTOUT HERO: Ukrainian goalkeeper Oleksandr Shovkovskiy saves a penalty kick by Swiss forward Marco Streller during their round of 16 match at Cologne on Monday.

## Frings warns Argentina

AFP, Berlin

Germany midfielder Torsten Frings has warned Argentina that the World Cup hosts are a much stronger outfit than the team they faced at the Confederations Cup last June.

Germany cross swords with Argentina on Friday in a titanic quarterfinal tussle in Berlin and Frings said Jurgen Klinsmann's team had made giant strides since the two 2-2 draws last year.

"We were close to beating them on both occasions and were arguably the better side," Frings said at Tuesday's press conference.

"I do not know if they are stronger now, but all I can say for sure is that we are."

In February last year Germany drew 2-2 with Argentina in a friendly in Dusseldorf and then by the same scoreline in the group match at the Confederations Cup.

Werder Bremen midfielder Frings played in both of those matches and hopes it is third time lucky against Jose Pekerman's team.

"We can play at a high tempo for 90 minutes or 120 minutes if we need to. I do not think Argentina like it when you get amongst them," Frings explained.

"We will do everything to beat them and I think we can do it. I think Friday is finally the time to defeat a top nation."

Much has been made of the fact that Germany have failed to defeat a recognised top nation in six years but Frings, capped 56 times for his country, says he and his teammates do not have a mental block.

"Not once have we thought about going out," he said. "We are not interested in the past five years. The only important thing is we win on Friday."

The 29-year-old Frings is Germany's holding midfielder but said the team would not consider man-marking Argentina's playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme.

"We can not make the mistake of concentrating on one player as Argentina have a lot of players that can decide the game," Frings admitted.

"I can not imagine running round after Riquelme for 90 minutes. Myself and Michael Ballack will play against him, depending on whose side of the pitch he is on."

"We understand each other perfectly and it has worked brilliantly with Michael and the rest of the team."

Defender Per Mertesacker has enjoyed three consecutive clean sheets and says it is vital Germany double up if they are to stop Argentina's potent attack.

"We played against Argentina twice last year and know all about

### WC BRIEFS

AFP, Berlin

An autograph book containing all the signatures of the 736 players and coaches of the 32 World Cup teams is up for auction to help raise money for the SOS Children's Villages project and for FIFA.

"The most precious gift we can give to these children is a home and a good education. SOS Children's Villages do wonderful work for such children," said World Cup organising committee chairman Franz Beckenbauer.

#### No nut to crack

Much was made in the media of how the World Cup was likely to see the streets of Germany overrun with prostitutes -- Nutten in colloquial German -- and their eager clients.

But despite some such evidence in the opening days hundreds of sex workers who came to Germany looking for a lucrative summer have already gone home because business is dwindling, according to respected organ the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

#### Blame it on Minister

Dutch legend Johan Cruyff knows who is at fault for the Netherlands' elimination -- the country's Immigration Minister Rita Verdonk. Her ministry refused to naturalise FC Feyenoord striker Salomon Kalou who was born in Ivory Coast. The striker who has just been snapped up by English big spenders Chelsea would have been selected if he had a Dutch passport.

"A minister is supposed to serve the interests of their country, and she clearly has not," Cruyff said in

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## Debutants' delight

AFP, Cologne

Man of the match Oleg Guseiev slotted home the decisive penalty after goalkeeper Oleksandr Shovkovskiy had saved two spotkicks here on Monday to book debutants Ukraine a place in the World Cup quarterfinals as they beat Switzerland 3-0 in a penalty shootout after a dull match had finished 0-0 after extra-time.

The Ukrainians whose lack of ambition matched that of the Swiss

will meet Italy -- who beat Australia 1-0 earlier thanks to an injury-time penalty by Francesco Totti -- in the last eight on Friday.

"It's a big day for the team and for the Ukraine and I am very happy for the people in Ukraine," said striker Andriy Shevchenko -- who missed the first spotkick only for the Swiss to spurn their first three and fall flat on their faces.

"We showed a lot of heart and there were players out there who gave heroic performances. It will be

a great game against Italy -- they are one of the World Cup greats," said Shevchenko, whose colleagues lost their first group match 4-0 to Spain before rallying to make their Swiss rendezvous.

"I think we were lucky to have had the Spain game as our opener. We have grown in stature since then -- this is after all our first World Cup."

"Italy are certainly the favourites but I am sure that if we give our all we can match them."

Swiss battler Ludovic Magnin was distraught.

"It hurts to lose like that. We didn't deserve to, but football is like that. We will see the Swiss people at Euro 2008," which the Swiss are co-hosting with Austria.

"We put in some great performances and we have gone out without conceding a single goal," he lamented tearfully.

Shevchenko and Swiss star forward Alexander Frei had come close to breaking the deadlock in the first-half but saw their efforts come off the bar leaving the match delicately poised at 0-0 at half-time.

Ukraine were having very little of the ball in the first period but they showed they could be dangerous in the 21st minute as Maksym Kalynychenko swung in a freekick from the left and Shevchenko stooped low to get his head to the ball and saw it bounce down and against the bar with Swiss keeper Pascal Zuberbuehrer beaten.

However, the Swiss went close themselves a few minutes later as Frei's superb freekick rattled the Ukrainian bar but though the ball fell to Patrick Muller a few metres out he skied his effort wide of the goal.

The Ukrainians were seemingly

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## Gout kept Kewell out!

AFP, Kaiserslautern

Harry Kewell missed Australia's World Cup second round showdown with Italy not with his disclosed groin injury but with gout, his manager said Tuesday.

The Liverpool forward was keenly missed by the Australians, who threw everything at 10-man Italy but fell to a sickening last-gasp penalty to send the Azzurri through to the last eight where they will play first-timers Ukraine in Hamburg Friday.

Kewell has been restricted by a groin injury suffered during last month's English FA Cup final, but he was on crutches and could only watch from the bench as his team went down in cruel circumstances.

Kewell, whose equalising goal against Croatia sent Australia through to the last sixteen for the first time, would have been a key man as the Australians mounted

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A Brazilian fan cheers ahead of their round of 16 match against Ghana at the Dortmund stadium on Tuesday.

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