# SPORT

## The Daily Star

### Ctg warms up for Round 4

THE DAILY STAR-RANGS TOSHIBA WORLD CUP QUIZ

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Hundreds of sports lovers brought out a colourful procession in the port city yesterday to mark The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round-4 draw.

The draw of the quiz competition will be held at the Muslim Institute Hall at 5pm today. Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury will grace the function as chief guest.

Newspaper hawkers, students, journalists, sports organisers and enthusiastic commoners with banners and festoons paraded different parts of the city during the procession.

The non-stop music played by the accompanying band throughout the procession attracted pedestrians and commuters reminding them once again the euphoria of the World Cup football

Meanwhile, previous three draws were held in Rangpur, Khulna and Sylhet respectively with enthusiastic moods.

## Zimbabwe A square 4-day series

SPORTS REPORTER

Alok Kapali smashed a scintillating hundred but it was not good enough for Bangladesh A to avoid a seven-wicket defeat against Zimbabwe A in the third and final four-day Test at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

With the success the youthful second-string Zimbabwean side squared the three-match series after losing the first game by the same margin. The exciting second

match ended in a draw. The right-handed Kapali converted his overnight score of 74 to a big hundred of 138, his second ton in the tour, as the visitors scored 292 all out in their second essay after resuming the final day on 217 for five

But his efforts went down the drains as they failed to set a challenging target for the opponents. Zimbabwe A raced to the 90-run winning target losing three wickets in 18.4 overs. Pacer Hasibul Hossain took two wickets in the second innings.

Bangladesh A started their second innings with a 203-run deficit after being forced to followon scoring 150 in reply to Zimbabwe's 353





A colourful procession was brought out in Chittagong yesterday on the eve of today's draw ceremony of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round 4.

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Grand Slam collection, steam-

Hantuchova 6-3, 6-1 in just 65

She next faces French qualifier

## Sharapova struggles into last eight

## WIMBLEDON

AFP, London

Maria Sharapova struggled with searing summer temperatures as well as the stubborn resistance of Italy's Flavia Pennetta to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals on Monday.

The 2004 champion toiled for almost two and half hours in 32-Severine Bremond who put out degree heat to overcome the 16th Japanese veteran Ai Sugiyama, seed 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 6-3 and now the conqueror of Martina Hingis, 7faces compatriot Elena 6(13/11), 6-3. Dementieva for a place in the

semifinals. Fourth seed Sharapova had been dramatically under-par for most of her Court Two encounter but after taking a lengthy toilet style advice. break at the end of the second set she returned with renewed vigour to ease through to the last eight.

By contrast, seventh seed Dementieva made sure of a her

## Nakata hangs up

FROM PAGE 20 was that we couldn't play our 100 percent.

"I tried to lead my teammates in the past four years. I'm full of feeling sorry that the World Cup ended like this, but I know now that fans had understood what I've tried to do was right, for sure," added Nakata.

Nakata has struggled for playing time with the English Premiership club Bolton Wanderers since he moved there on loan from Fiorentina last year after seven years in Italy's Serie-A.

#### Tendulkar to play tsunami charity AFP, London

PHOTO: STAR

place in the last eight with a Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar quickfire 6-2, 6-0 win over Shenay is to play for an international XI next Perry, ending America's interest in week in a fund-raising match for victims of the Pakistan earthquake, French Open champion Justine organisers announced on Monday. Henin-Hardenne, seeking an

A star-studded side is due to take elusive title here to complete her on Pakistan in a Twenty20 international at the Oval on July 10. rolled the feeble challenge of Tendulkar, who is easing himself Slovakian 15th seed Daniela

back into action after shoulder surgery will be expected to open the batting for a side that will be skippered by India captain Rahul Dravid and also include wicket-keeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, as well as the likes of Brian Lara and Muttiah Muralitharan.

The match is being organised by Lleyton Hewitt won a tough Surrey county cricket club, whose battle with David Ferrer to reach chief executive, Paul Sheldon, voiced the quarterfinals for the fourth time his delight at having secured while still finding time to hand his Tendulkar's services. Spanish opponent some unwanted

"It is fantastic to have one of the world's greatest batsmen on show for The Australian, the 2002 chamthe match," Sheldon said. pion, was on Court One for the best

"His presence, along with the other part of three hours before finally great players on display, will go a long wrapping up 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 way to ensuring that the day will be a victory, courtesy of a break of serve huge success.

in the 11th game of the fourth set. The squad for the international XI Hewitt duly served out for the also includes three England-based match, earning himself a last eight meeting against either Australian Pakistanis in Azhar Mahmood, Mohammad Akram and Saqlain Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis Mushtag.

Proceeds of next week's match will go It was a typically gritty performance from Hewitt, who showed to those who have suffered as a result his spiky side after being irritated of the quake which struck northern by his opponent's complaints that Pakistan last October INTERNATIONAL XI (from): Rahul he was unable to hear a line judge Dravid (captain), Mahendra Singh The Australian's response was Dhoni (wicket-keeper), Sachin to suggest that the long-haired Tendulkar, Muttiah Muralidaran, Brian Spaniard's hearing might be Lara, Chris Cairns, Makhaya Ntini, Andrew Hall, Scott Styris, Azhar improved by a trip to the hair-Mahmood, Mohammad Akram,

#### Juninho calls it a day **INTERNET**, undated

Brazil midfielder Juninho Pernambucano has announced his international retirement and believes a number of his teammates should follow suit.

The Olympique Lyonnais playmaker feels youngsters must be given a chance after the World Cup defeat by France.

Juninho, 31, said: "The national team is over for me and those of us over 30 have to leave a place for the younger players to make a new team for 2010.

"We have to think about the young guys and build up another team Brazil stars such as Roberto

Carlos, Cafu, Gilberto, Emerson, Ze Roberto, Ricardinho and keepers Dida and Rogerio Ceni are all the wrong side of 30. The reigning world champions

went out of the competition with a whimper to a France team that was criticised in its own country for having too many old players.

However, Juninho added: There is total sadness but this is not the time to appoint blame, we all lost."

#### Nesta likely to miss out

#### AFP. Duisbura

The chances of Italy's central defender Alessandro Nesta being fit to face Germany in the World Cup semifinals are "very remote" Azzurri chief press officer Antonello Valentini said here on Sunday.

The 30-year-old centre-back has missed Italy's last two matches with a groin strain and is still struggling to recover from the injury.

Palermo's Andrea Barzagli replaced Nesta in the 3-0 quarterfinal win against Ukraine, but that was due to Marco Materazzi's one-match suspension.

## Ambiguous Maradona

Argentine legend Diego Maradona says he is not going to throw his hat into the ring to replace coach Jose Pekerman, who resigned after the World Cup quarterfinal loss to

Germany. But he also vowed not to stay in the background either.

"I will neither step aside nor put forward my candidature," 1986 world champion Maradona told

cable broadcaster TyC Sports. "Maybe I will never become coach almost immediately, when he had of the national team as I don't know if that would go down well with the Chris Gayle caught at second slip powers that be. I am not under any illusions." said Maradona. "What I want is for Argentina to have the best." said Maradona, who in opinion polls last week was rated as a possibility to take the reins -though way behind veteran Carlos Bianchi, former coach with Boca Juniors and who recently ended an unsuccessful stint with Atletico Madrid.

# India break Caribbean jinx

## Cricket

AFP, Kingston

Leg-spin bowler Anil Kumble captured six wickets to bowl India to a historic win inside three days in the fourth and final Test on Sunday at Sabina Park.

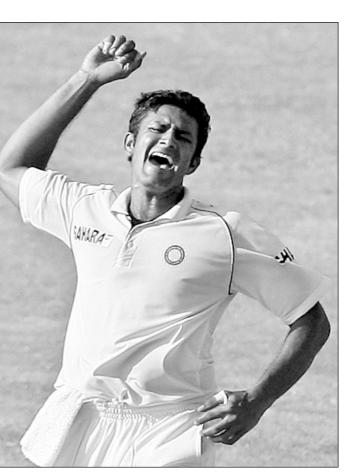
Having set West Indies 269 runs to win, India hit the jackpot when Corey Collymore was caught behind for a duck off Kumble topedging a cut, as the home team were dismissed for 219 in their second innings about two and a half hours after tea

The win gave India a 1-0 victory in the four-Test series, after the first three Tests at the Antigua Recreation Ground, the Beausejour Cricket Ground, and Warner Park all ended in draws.

It also provided India with a series victory in the Caribbean for the first time in 35 years, only their second series victory in the Caribbean in nine trips, and their first win at a ground in the Caribbean outside of Port of Spain.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Denesh Ramdin struck eight fours and one six in the top score for West Indies with an undefeated 62 from 85 balls

in close to two hours. He offered West Indies a glimmer of hope, when he added 36 for the eighth wicket with Jerome Taylor, who scored 20, and put on 39 for the ninth wicket with Pedro Collins, who made three, but there was to be no comeback story for the Laxman c Lara b Collymore



India's veteran leg-spinner Anil Kumble screams in delight after claiming the wicket of West Indies batsman Dwayne Bravo on the fourth test at the Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica on Sunday,

added 70 for the fifth wicket with across to a well-pitched delivery. Shivnarine Chanderpaul came to Dwayne Bravo, who struck six fours in 33 from 44 balls in an hour, to give the wicket and spent an hour over 13 before he was adjudged lbw to Shantha Sreesanth, who bowled Kumble to leave West Indies on 56 with typical vigour, made the breakfor four.

Bravo came to the middle and with Sarwan brought the crowd to its feet with some entertaining strokes to carry West Indies to 85 for four at

match was over as a genuine con-After the break, both batsmen Sreesanth jolted West Indies continued to bat with some enterprise and, in the fifth over after the break, Bravo hit Kumble for three successive fours, and seemed to The other enthralling Italy v energise Sarwan. Germany clash was the 1982 final In the next over, the West Indies a more one-sided affair but equally vice captain spanked two boundgripping. aries off Sreesanth, the last of which Italy's Antonio Cabrini missed a was a sweetly-timed drive through 25th minute penalty, before the extra cover that carried him to his Azzurri swept Germany aside with 50. but two balls later, the Indian fast a superb display of counterbowler was celebrating, and West attacking football.

Jamaica capital. Earlier, India were dismissed for 171 in the second innings about 45

minutes before lunch. SCOREBOARD

Dravid b Collymore

Scoreboard on the third day of the fourth and final Test between West Indies and India at Sabina Park on Sundav

INDIA: First innings 200 (Dravid 81; Taylor 5-50) WEST INDIES: First innings 103 (Harbhajan 5-13) INDIA: Second innings (overnight 128 for six) Jaffer c (sub) Morton b Taylor Sehwag lbw b Taylor

home side. Ramnaresh Sarwan supported with seven boundaries in his 51 from 97 balls in three hours of batting. The West Indies vice-captain

Yuvraj c Lara b Collymore Kaif b Collins Dhoni b Taylor 19 Kumble c Bravo b Collymore 10 Harbhajan c Lara b Collymore 9 Sreesanth c Lara b Taylor 16 Patel not out Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-1, nb-1) Total: (All out in 65.1 overs) 171 Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-6, 3-49, 4-63 5-76.6-122.7-141.8-154.9-171. 0 MRW Bowler 61 45 Collins 22 8 15 Tavlor 4 9 48 5 24.1 Collymore 10 0 Bravo 4 1 WEST INDIES: Second innings Gayle c Laxman b Sreesanth Ganga b Sreesanth Lara Ibw b Patel 16 11 Sarwan c Dravid b Sreesanth 51 13 33 Chanderpaul Ibw b Kumble Bravo b Kumble Samuels Ibw b Kumble 5 Ramdin not out Taylor Ibw b Kumble 62 20 Collins Ibw b Kumble Collymore c Dhoni b Kumble 0 Extras: (lb-2, nb-3) Total: (All out in 69.4 overs) 219 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-27, 3-29, 4-56 5-125, 6-128, 7-144, 8-180, 9-219. Ó Bowler Μ RW 15 12 2 2 38 26 Sreesanth - 3 Patel 65 Harbhajan 16 3 0 78 Kumble 22.4 0 10 Sehwag Result: India won by 49 runs and

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clinched the four-Test series 1-0. Man-of-the-match: Rahul Dravid. Man-of-the-series: Rahul Dravid.

## **Epic memories**

FROM PAGE 17 intense in those days. You could still do pretty much what you wanted to.

"There was just one armed policeman who sat outside the entrance and watched the whole ground. Obviously, that would be unthinkable today.

"Back then, it was simply more relaxed. The games in Mexico were colourful. The country laughed and football danced". For those who watched the

games at home, the combination of the baking Mexican sun and television in its early stages gave the images a magical sepia tint.

AFP. Buenos Aires

Brazilian officials were so disappointed after the defeat in the 1950 World Cup final against Uruguay that they 'forgot' to organise the ceremony for the presentation of the Cup. It was left to tournament founder Jules Rimet to hand over the trophy to Uruguayan captain Obdulio Varela





#### Hernan Crespo

(Argentine striker) "It's a defeat which hurts badly. At no time were Germany better than us -and that makes it harder to take. We don't deserve to be going home so early."



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#### Sakib, Forhad

FROM PAGE 17 Dashing batsman Tushar Imran, left-arm spinners Abdur Razzak and Manjarul Islam and pacer Tapash Baisya -- included in the 19-member preliminary squad announced on May 28 -- will miss the trip.

Captain Habibul Bashar also has the same feeling and said that it would be worthy for the team before the Champions Trophy, which will take place in India in October, if the two young players prove their worth as all-rounders "No doubt the players who were

dropped from the squad, especially two left-arm spinners Razzak and Rana, have had a very impressive performance but we thought that this is a good opportunity to spot some good all-rounders. For last few series you saw that we had a very vulnerable lower-order batting and I believe the two young guys can solve the problem," said Bashar, who is yet to get official conformation about his reappointment as captain till next World Cup.

"I think three one-day internationals against Kenya and the fivematch series against Zimbabwe will give us an opportunity to find a good combination before the Champions Trophy," he added. Bangladesh will fly for Nairobi on

July 16 to play three one-day matches against ICC associate members Kenya and then they will tour Zimbabwe to play five-match series at Harare.

#### TEAM

Habibul Bashar (captain) Mohammad Ashraful, Shahriar Nafees, Rajin Saleh, Javed Omar, Aftab Ahmed, Mushfigur Rahim Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Rafigue, Mashrafee Bin Mortuza, Syed Rasel, Shahadat Hossain, Forhad Reza, Sakib Al Hasan and Alok Kapali.



winning 13 and drawing the other one of their 14 games there.

The winners of Tuesday's game will go on to face either Portugal or France in the final in Berlin on July 9 The losing semifinalists will contest the third-place match in Stuttgart a dav earlier.

## LEADING SCORERS

Saqlain Mushtaq.

AFP, Berlin

dresser.

#### World Cup scorers after the quarterfinals: 5: Klose (Germany)

or Britain's Andy Murray.

calling a ball out.

3: Crespo (Argentina), Fernando Torres (Spain), Henry (France), Maxi Rodriguez (Argentina), Podolski (Germany), Ronaldo (Brazil), Villa (Spain)

2: Adriano (Brazil), Bosacki (Poland), Bravo (Mexico), T Cahill (Australia), Delgado (Ecuador), Dindane (Ivory Coast), Frei (Switzerland), Gerrard (England), Maniche (Portugal), Rosicky (Czech Republic), Shevchenko (Ukraine),

C Tenorio (Ecuador), Toni (Italy), Vieira (France), Wanchope (Costa Rica)

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**Tropical trip** 

won," said Jung.

Waiting for treble

in the opening 60 games.

bilateral relations," Prodi said.

will prolong their stay in Libreville,

where he is visiting German peace-

keeping troops, for a few hours so

he can share with the forces the

atmosphere of the semifinal

between Germany and Italy, which

With just four games left nobody

Portugal star Pauleta hit the last

has notched a treble and this could

be the first tournament without one.

the soldiers will follow on screen.

1: Ahn Jung-hwan (South Korea), Al Jaber (Saudi Arabia), Al Kahtani (Saudi Arabia), Allback (Sweden), Aloisi (Australia), Appiah (Ghana), R Ayala (Argentina), Bakhtiarizadeh (Iran), Barnetta (Switzerland), Beckham (England), Cambiasso (Argentina), J Cole (England), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Crouch (England), Cuevas (Paraguay), Deco (Portugal), Dempsey (United States), Dramani (Ghana), Drogba (Ivory Coast), Flavio (Angola), Fonseca (Mexico), Fred (Brazil), Frings (Germany),

Gilardino (Italy), Gilberto (Brazil), Golmohammadi (Iran), R Gomez (Costa Rica), Gvan (Ghana), laquinta (Italy), Ilic (Serbia-Montenegro), F Inzaghi (Italy) Jaidi (Tunisia), Jaziri (Tunisia), Juanito (Spain), Juninho (Brazil), Kaka (Brazil), Kalou (Ivory Coast), Kalinichenko (Ukraine), Kaviedes (Ecuador), Kewell (Australia), Koller (Czech Republic), B Kone (Ivory Coast), N Kovac (Croatia), Lahm (Germany), Larsson (Sweden), Lee Chun-soo (South Korea), Ljungberg (Sweden), Marquez Alvarez (Mexico)

Materazzi (Italy), Messi (Argentina), Mnari (Tunisia), Mohamed Kader (Togo), CA Moore (Australia), Muntari (Ghana), Nakamura (Japan), Neuville (Germany) Park Ji-sung (South Korea), Pauleta (Portugal), Pirlo (Italy), Raul (Spain) Rebrov (Ukraine), Ribery (France) Robben (Netherlands), Rusol (Ukraine) Saviola (Argentina), Senderos (Switzerland), Simao Sabrosa (Portugal), Srna (Croatia), Tamada (Japan), Tevez (Argentina), Totti (Italy), Van Nistelrooy Netherlands), Van Persie (Netherlands) Xabi Alonso (Spain), Zambrotta (Italy), Ze Roberto (Brazil), Zidane (France), Zigic (Serbia-Montenegro), Zinha (Mexico)

## WC BRIEFS

one in Korea against Poland four match and therefore I must back the years ago. Italian team." Prodi said, adding he

He now has the chance of a had been invited to attend by repeat against France in the semis. German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Miroslav Klose of Germany is "Sporting events are a part of also looking for a repeat having hit

three goals against Saudi Arabia in 2002. German Defence Minister Franz There have been 46 hattricks in Josef Jung says and his delegation

#### total to date.

New generation German striker Lukas Podolski's good form at the World Cup, where he has scored three goals, has seen him earn a new contract with clothing firm Adidas.

"We will fly off after the team has "Lukas Podolski represents a new generation of players who will make their mark on international The World Cup is still waiting for its football in years to come," said first hattrick after 138 goals scored Adidas' Herbert Hainer.

Podolski, who has just joined Bayern Munich from Cologne, has already been involved with the firm for two years.

The polls published by major newspapers showed a majority of fans wanted Pekerman to stay in his post, despite the penalty shootout loss to the Germans.

Pekerman led the albiceleste to under-20 world titles in 1995. 1997 and 2001, and the 56-year-old is credited with the blooding of a raft of young stars, including Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, left on the bench for the quarterfinal.

#### FORMULA 1 Schumi reduces gap on Alonso

**REUTERS**, Indianapolis

Michael Schumacher won the US Grand Prix on Sunday in a Ferrari one-two that slammed the brakes on Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso's run of success.

Schumacher's 87th career win, from pole position and ahead of Brazilian teammate Felipe Massa, trimmed Spaniard Alonso's overall championship lead to 19 points after 10 of the season's 18 races. Alonso now has 88 points to Schumacher's

69. The Renault driver, ending a run of four wins and 15 podium finishes in a row, finished fifth in a field depleted by a first lap pile-up.

His Italian teammate Giancarlo Fisichella was third with Toyota's Jarno Trulli, starting from the pit lane after suspension problems on Saturday, fourth.

It was the Spaniard's worst result since he finished 11th in Hungary last July but his first finish in five visits to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Ferrari's first one-two finish of the

season meant seven times world champion Schumacher has now won five of the seven races held at Indianapolis since Formula One returned to America in 2000.

with the second delivery of the innings before lunch to condemn the left-handed opener to a pair of

through, when Sarwan was caught

low at first slip, and Anil Kumble

bowled Bravo to leave West Indies

128 for five, and effectively the

India a scare

ducks for the match. West Indies reached 18 for one at lunch, but the match swung decisively India's way with the departure of opener Daren Ganga and West Indies captain Brian Lara in the space of six overs after the interval

Sreesanth bowled Daren Ganga for 16 in the fourth over after lunch and two overs later. Munaf Patel scalped the big fish of batting superstar Lara lbw for 11 playing back and

No Frings in semifinal

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A German team official had been shown the pictures and Frings was asked to give his version of events to FIFA's disciplinary committee.

Siegler said: "Yesterday new TV images were presented and in this footage it is to be seen that Torsten Frings is slapping, or hitting, the face of an Argentine player."

Siegler said the Italian football federation had not played any role in bringing the pictures to FIFA's attention

"There was no attempt from the Italian federation to incite FIFA to do something." Siegler said.

Henin-Hardenne "This footage was shown on a public channel in Germany." appointed

Frings played at rightback in the 2002 World Cup finals where Germany reached the final where they were beaten by Brazil.

The 29-year-old all-action Werder Bremen midfielder had protested his innocence, saying he was only defending himself against

punches from Argentine players. "I did nothing," he had told a German regional newspaper.

"I found myself mixed up in a melee where fists were raining down everywhere.

"I myself was hit twice. It was at that point I protected myself, and put my hand in front of me, but I did nothing else."

Julio Cruz, though, was quoted in the Italian media as saying he hadn't felt a thing

"I did not see the punch from him, or else I did not feel it," said the Inter Milan striker.

FIFA said it was not unusual for new pictures to come to light several davs after the incident.

Indies were under more pressure. Though, Ramdin and the lower order made Indian hearts flutter, there was no denying Rahul Dravid and his men earned their moment in time in the golden sunshine of the

The fracas was apparently

sparked when Argentine player

Leonardo Cufre kicked German

defender Per Mertesacker following

gave Cufre a red card for his

Cufre and another Argentine,

Maxi Rodriguez, have until

Wednesday to give their version of

what happened to FIFA which will

decide if they will be banned for

future international matches.

**UNESCO** 

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UNESCO press release.

Olympic aold in the 2004

ambassador

Belgian tennis star Justine Henin

Hardenne has recently been

appointed a UNESCO Champion

for Sport entrusting her with a spe-

cial mission to promote the fight

against doping in sport, said a

Open, Justine Henin-Hardenne has

bagged 24 titles including the US

Open, the Australian Open and an

She joins an elite group of sports

personalities to be graced with the

honour which include Brazilian

soccer legend Pele, Ukrainian pole-

vaulter Serhiy Bubka, German

Formula1 champion Michael

Schumacher among others.

A three-time winner of the French

Slovak referee Lubos Michel

the shootout.

actions.

Italy won 3-1 and were crowned world champions for a third time.

and eyes bulging in delirium.

#### TACTICS

The stand-out moment was

Marco Tardelli's wild celebration

after scoring Italy's second goal,

his head shaking, fists pumping

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David Odonkor if Germany need a goal ITALY

Defence: With Alessandro Nesta almost certain to miss out again due to a groin injury, Marco Materazzi, who was suspended for the quarterfinal win over Ukraine, is expected to return in place of the relatively inexperienced

Andrea Barzagli. Captain Fabio Cannavaro has been in outstanding form at the heart of an Azzurri defence that has conceded just one goal in five matches and will win his 99th cap against Germany.

Fullbacks Gianluca Zambrotta and Fabio Grosso like to get forward and have done so to good effect in the knockout stage.

Grosso's run in the last minute against Australia secured the penalty that won the game. Against Ukraine, Zambrotta opened the scoring with a fine solo goal and then set up Luca Toni's second strike to make it 3-0. Midfield: The most stable part of Lippi's team.

Andrea Pirlo operates in a deep playmaker's role in front of the defence with Gennaro Gattuso and Simone Perrotta covering plenty of ground in their harrying roles ahead of him

If Lippi plays with two out-and-out strikers then Francesco Totti, showing signs of returning to full form after his three-month injury lay off, will be expected to play as an attacking midfielder

A lone striker system would mean Argentine-born winger Mauro Camoranesi getting another chance in his free role on the right flank

Forwards: With a single striker, Totti would be free to play close to the front line but if Lippi opts for a more offensive lineup, with Gilardino and Toni operating as a pair, then Totti will drift deeper.

Italy's nine goals have come from eight different players -- Toni scored twice against Ukraine while Gilardino, Totti, Filippo Inzaghi and Vincenzo laquinta have all found the target once Inzaghi is likely to start on the bench but is an option if the Italians need a goal in the

second half, while laquinta could offer fresh

legs if Toni tires.