

Germans outgun determined Scots

NORRKÖPING, Sweden, June 16: World champions Germany outgunned Scotland 2-0 on Monday and enhanced their ambitions of reaching the European Championship semifinals, reports Reuter.

Karlheinz Riedle and Stefan Effenberg netted the goals in a pulsating match which meant the end of the road for a brave Scottish side who are out, whatever the result of their final Group Two match against the CIS.

Germany, held 1-1 by the CIS in the Helsingborg Stadium on Friday, were in much more determined mood from the start.

But they finished with 10 men after first Stefan Reuter and then Guido Buchwald were helped away with blood on their shirts and their heads swathed in bandages in the last 15 minutes.

Andreas Moeller and Thomas Haessler both hit the woodwork with shots in the second half but the Scots survived and came close themselves several times.

Despite Friday's 1-0 reverse against the Netherlands in Gothenburg and the defeat by Germany, Scottish fans were still in good heart and voice at the end and stayed on long after the final whistle, prompting manager Andy Roxburgh and the players to return to acknowledge them.

Germany, however, held more of the initiative in a full-blooded and absorbing contest which finally brought the championship to life and were worth the biggest win of the tournament's first seven matches.

Germany, with Haessler the driving force, tested Scotland severely before Riedle broke the deadlock on the half-hour. Matthias Sammer worked the ball through a tangle of defenders on the edge of the Scottish box and maneuvered it to Jurgen Klinsmann, featuring in the attack in place of injured World Cup partner Rudi Voeller.

Klinsmann, his back to the Scottish goal, shielded the ball and teed it up for Riedle to smash it into the net.

Two minutes after the interval Effenberg added the second, hoisting the ball over from the right. It took a slight deflection and sailed over goalkeeper Andy Goram's head to land just inside the far post.

Moeller struck the left post in the 58th minute and Haessler banged his shot



(L-R): Karlheinz Riedle falls to the ground as Manfred Binz and Mathias Sammer of Germany and David McPherson of Scotland jump for the ball during their European Championship match in Norrköping June 15. Germany won 2-0. —AFP photo

against the right in the 67th but Germany could not increase their lead.

Scotland refused to concede defeat and German goalkeeper Bodo Illgner did well to save a fierce Paul McStay drive on the hour.

Gary McAllister, who came close twice in the first 11 minutes, prompted the attack and Brian McClair and Richard Gough might have scored with headers.

Tiny midfielder Haessler was booked in the 86th minute for a foul on towering defender Dave McPherson and Scotland's Stuart McCall followed in the second minute of injury time for tripping Effenberg.

But it was not a dirty game and the injuries to Reuter and Buchwald followed clashes of heads in aerial duels for the ball.

Reuter came on in the 69th minute for Riedle, who himself had received a knock, but remained only six minutes — much of that on the ground receiving treatment following

his clash of heads with McCall. Michael Schulz replaced him and then — with both substitutes used — Buchwald had to go after his collision with Gough and teammate Manfred Binz.

Voeller, who had a 35-minute operation on his broken left arm on Monday, telephoned Riedle to wish him luck for the match.

Riedle himself may have broken his nose and was having an x-ray in the evening. Riedle, Reuter and Buchwald are all doubtful for Thursday's match against the Netherlands in Gothenburg.

Team chief Bert Vogts was pleased with Monday's result. "I'm deeply satisfied, especially with our attacking game. We created lots of chances," he said.

"I'm not so heartened by our defensive game. All too often we offered our opponents too many opportunities to score."

"But this is our first win and so I'm happy about that. Rarely have I seen such a good

Scottish team. I compliment them on how well they fought back after going 2-0 down."

Roxburgh returned the compliment. "I salute the Germans. They are a top-class team," he said.

"I think the Scottish team tried really hard. We created an enormous number of chances but the ball would not go into the net."

TEAMS

GERMANY: Bodo Illgner, Manfred Binz, Jurgen Kohler, Guido Buchwald, Andreas Brehme, Matthias Sammer, Thomas Haessler, Andreas Moeller, Stefan Effenberg, Jurgen Klinsmann, Karlheinz Riedle (Stefan Reuter 69, Michael Schulz 75).

SCOTLAND: Andy Goram, Stewart McKimmie, Richard Gough, Dave McPherson, Maurice Laps, Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall, Paul McStay, Brian McClair, Gordon Durie (Pat Nevin 50, Ally McCoist (Kevin Gallacher 70).

Referee: Guy Goethals (Belgium).

Only a win will do for England

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 16: England, needing to beat Sweden in their Stockholm fortress on Wednesday to have any chance of reaching the European Championship semifinals, will gamble everything to end their goal drought, reports Reuter.

Despite two 0-0 draws in their opening games, England manager Graham Taylor insists he has sent out teams to win and has taken risks. This time he has no choice as anything less than victory is unlikely to keep them in the tournament. But Taylor will find both history and a determined Swedish side — who need just a point to progress —

opposing him. England have not beaten Sweden since 1968, nor have they scored against them in their last four encounters going back to 1979. They have failed to find the net in Stockholm on their last four visits and their last victory in the capital was in 1937.

A five-game goal drought by top marksman Gary Lineker hardly helps either.

But the England manager believes his young, inexperienced side are about to break all those records and silence the critics. "Cometh the day, cometh the man," was the theme of his inspirational message the day after the France game.

"The players know what's expected of them and know

what they have to do," Taylor said.

Although Taylor sent out attacking formations against Denmark and France, his mid-field has been unable to create enough openings for the strikers. Apart from Tony Daley, used as a substitute against the Danes, no one in the squad seems capable of changing that.

But Marseille midfielder Trevor Steven argues differently.

"We have a very young team and I think we have learned from these first two games and gained a little bit more experience. We know we have good performances in us and I think it will come," he said.

Sweden, with massive home backing, remain favourites to

deprive England and take their own place in the last four. Only the pressure of the occasion — not since 1958 have they reached the penultimate stage of a major tournament — may let them down.

The hosts, whose only defensive lapse to date has been a goal conceded to European footballer-of-the-year Jean-Pierre Papin, will undoubtedly field a packed defence. But any bid to play for a draw may backfire spectacularly if England snatch a winner and France beat Denmark in the other Group One match being played simultaneously.

David Platt, England's only injury worry, was given the all-clear on Tuesday. The midfielder suffered an ankle injury against France on Sunday.

France, Denmark have to go for goals

MALMO, Sweden, June 16: France and Denmark must buck the trend of the European Championship on Wednesday to follow the goals trail, the only path which can take them into the semifinals, reports Reuter.

France have scored just one goal in two matches and the once so prolific Danes have failed to score at all in Group One where teams have been playing in a self-imposed defensive straitjacket.

But French team boss Michel Platini and Danish coach Richard Moeller Nielsen know the calculations are over and both have to look for victory this time.

Platini said his side, disappointed in their draw with Sweden and England, were bound to play better.

"Both teams need to win which should make it more interesting," he said. "There will certainly be more space to play in."

Platini, whose line-up against England was the most defensive he has named in almost four years as team boss, is expected to include attacking midfielder Christian Perez and winger Pascal Vahirua.

They will feed strikers Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona who have been so starved of support up front they looked like refugees searching for scraps to eat.

Midfielder France Sauzee, who wandered around in a daze after getting a knock on the head against England, is unlikely to be fit.

France, so strong in the

qualifiers when they won all eight matches, have suffered a strange decline and are still without a victory this year in six matches.

A draw could just be enough for them, but only if England fail to beat Sweden in Stockholm in a match being played simultaneously. So the French can hardly gamble on defence.

The Danes, who came into the tournament at the last minute when Yugoslavia were expelled, see their chance of pulling off a surprise against the team which started out as group favourites.

Goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel said: "The French are certainly not as strong as everyone thought they were when the championship started. We have a good chance, but of course we have to score."

Moeller Nielsen will delay naming his team until the last minute but he is expected to field Odense striker Lars Elstrup to beef up an attack which has been anything but razor-sharp in the 0-0 draw with England and 1-0 defeat to Sweden.

Elstrup could take the place of Bent Christensen. He took a

knock against Sweden on Sunday and has not trained since.

Midfielder John Jensen, who came closest to scoring when he hit a post against England, also has a leg injury but should be fit.

The Danes will have the benefit of virtual home support in Malmo, a short ferry ride from Copenhagen.

The last time the two teams met the boot was on the other foot when France took on Denmark in Paris in the opening match of the 1984 European Championship. France, who went on to take the title, won 1-0 with a goal from Platini.

Platini's plans for enlivening soccer

GLUMSOLOV, Sweden, June 16: French team boss Michel Platini called on Monday for a ban on

tackles and an end to drawn matches as a way of solving soccer's goal crisis, reports Reuter.

Reflecting on the sad state of the game after Sunday's 0-0 European Championship draw with England, Platini said the sport would not change unless drastic action was taken.

Platini, a member of FIFA's Task Force 2000 which is studying ways of making soccer more attractive, said outlawing tackling would prompt teams to attack more.

He also proposed that all drawn matches at tournaments go into "sudden death" extra time with the first goal deciding victory.

"I never heard of a draw in tennis," he said.

Only six goals have been scored in the first six matches of a championship which has been notable for the almost total absence of exciting play.

"I'm not here to provide a spectacle," the French team boss said. "My job is to get results."

"Football is like that now and it will stay that way. If I make concessions to provide a better show for the fans, we will lose."

Platini pointed out that the Ivory Coast won this year's African Nations' Cup without scoring a goal in the semifinals or final and said it was a trend which would continue.



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les."

Platini also said that ending draws would discourage defensive play and discounted objections that players would get too tired if they had to carry on until a goal was scored.

"Coaches would encourage players to go forward because the quicker they scored, the less tired they would be," he said.

"There would be no point in playing defensively. You would have to score to win."

Platini also said that modern players were not as technically skilled as in the past.

"Perhaps something could be done in schools when children are five years old," he added. "But you can't change a player at the age of 25."

Dropped point may cost Dutchmen dear

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, June 16: The Dutch reigning champions, needing a win to make sure of reaching the European Championship semifinals, suffered a night of frustration as the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) held them 0-0 on Monday, reports Reuter.

The dropped point could be fatal to Dutch hopes in the highly-competitive Group Two which also features world champions Germany.

CIS goalkeeper Dmitry Kharin kept his side afloat with a series of fine second-half saves.

Kharin did well to get down to parry a header from Dutch midfielder Frank Rijkaard in the 48th minute and then denied Dennis Bergkamp with his legs after the young Dutchman had outpaced the CIS defence.

He made his best save in the 64th minute. Dutch midfielder Rob Witschge whipped in a powerful cross which star striker Marco Van Basten deflected towards the top corner with superb header.

But Kharin arched backwards to tip the ball behind. Van Basten netted in the 78th minute with a diving header from a Jan Wouters cross but a raised linesman's flag cut short Dutch celebrations.

The CIS, playing their first

and last major soccer tournament in place of the Soviet Union, launched some threatening breaks but were finally happy with a draw.

Their captain Alexei Mikhailichenko underlined



RUUD GULLIT

this by passing the ball back 70 metres to Kharin from a free-kick inside the Dutch half in the last minute.

The Germans and the Dutch, who meet on Thursday, both have three points. The CIS have only two but their final pool match is against eliminated Scotland, beaten by the Dutch and Germany.

The Dutch, fielding eight of the team which beat the Soviet Union in the 1988 final, again failed to produce the kind of fluid attacking soccer expected of them.

Captain Ruud Gullit, playing on the right wing, was marked out of the game by tall Spartak

Moscow midfielder Viktor Onopko.

On the other wing, Manchester United midfielder Andrei Kanchelskis dropped back to nullify the threat from Bryan Roy.



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Gullit took a knock on the left ankle and was replaced by John Van't Schip in the 70th minute.

But the substitute added little and the Dutch, with their wings clipped, only threatened sporadically in an intriguing match between two gifted teams.

The CIS wasted their best chance in the 10th minute. Powerful striker Igor Dobrovolsky made a good run down the left and set up Sergei Yuran. But the Benfica player knocked the ball too far ahead of him an allowed goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen to

grab it off his toes.

Dobrovolsky brought another good save from Van Breukelen later in the first half. The same player almost put striking partner Igor Kolyanov through after disposing of the unhappy Gullit in the 58th minute.

Van Breukelen denied Kolyanov on that occasion with another brave interception, but the Dutch keeper was largely a spectator as the watched his opposite number Kharin steal the show.

CIS defender Akhrik Tsvetba was booked for a foul on Bergkamp and now faces a one-match ban.

Dutchmen Ronald Koeman and Wouters, playing his 50th international, were also booked.

TEAMS

NETHERLANDS: Hans Van Breukelen, Berry Van Aerle, Ronald Koeman, Adri Van Tiggelen, Frank Rijkaard, Ruud Gullit (John Van't Schip 70), Jan Wouters, Dennis Bergkamp (Eric Viscaal 80), Rob Witschge, Marco Van Basten, Bryan Roy.

CIS: Dmitry Kharin, Andrei Chernyshev, Oleg Kuznetsov, Akhrik Tsvetba, Andrei Kanchelskis, Sergei Aleinikov (Dmitry Kuznetsov 56), Alexei Mikhailichenko, Viktor Onopko, Igor Kolyanov, Igor Dobrovolsky, Sergei Yuran (Sergei Kiriykov 65).

Referee: Peter Mikkelsen (Denmark).

Havelange in Morocco

RABAT, June 16: FIFA President Joao Havelange arrived in Rabat on Monday at the invitation of King Hassan to discuss prospects for holding the World Cup in Morocco in 1999, reports Reuter.

Morocco, who lost out to the United States for the 1994 event, have applied along with France and Switzerland to host the 1998 finals.

FIFA's 21-member executive committee is due to choose the 1998 host country at a meeting in Zurich on July 2. The Moroccan government has said it wants to hold the Cup for the first time in Africa to break what officials have called the European American monopoly of venues.

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12 Medicinal plant

13 Commotion

14 Kennedy matriarch

15 Pedestal occupant

16 Powell co-star

17 Choppers

18 Repeat the story

20 Victoria's consort

22 Demure

23 The whole shooting match

24 Handle

32 I, in old Rome

33 Skull need

34 Scratch (out)

35 Highway sign phrase

38 Expanded

39 Dobbin's dinner
- 40 Attila, e.g.

42 Investigated

45 La Scala presentations

49 Lounge

50 Staff

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53 Sheltered

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55 Read quickly... or not

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57 Become larger

58 Terrier type

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11 Criterion

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25 The time of your life?

26 GIs' hideouts

28 My —, Vietnam

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31 Church bench

36 Pill

37 Storm center

38 Metamorphic mineral

41 Heavenward

42 Blueprint

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44 Shootout directive

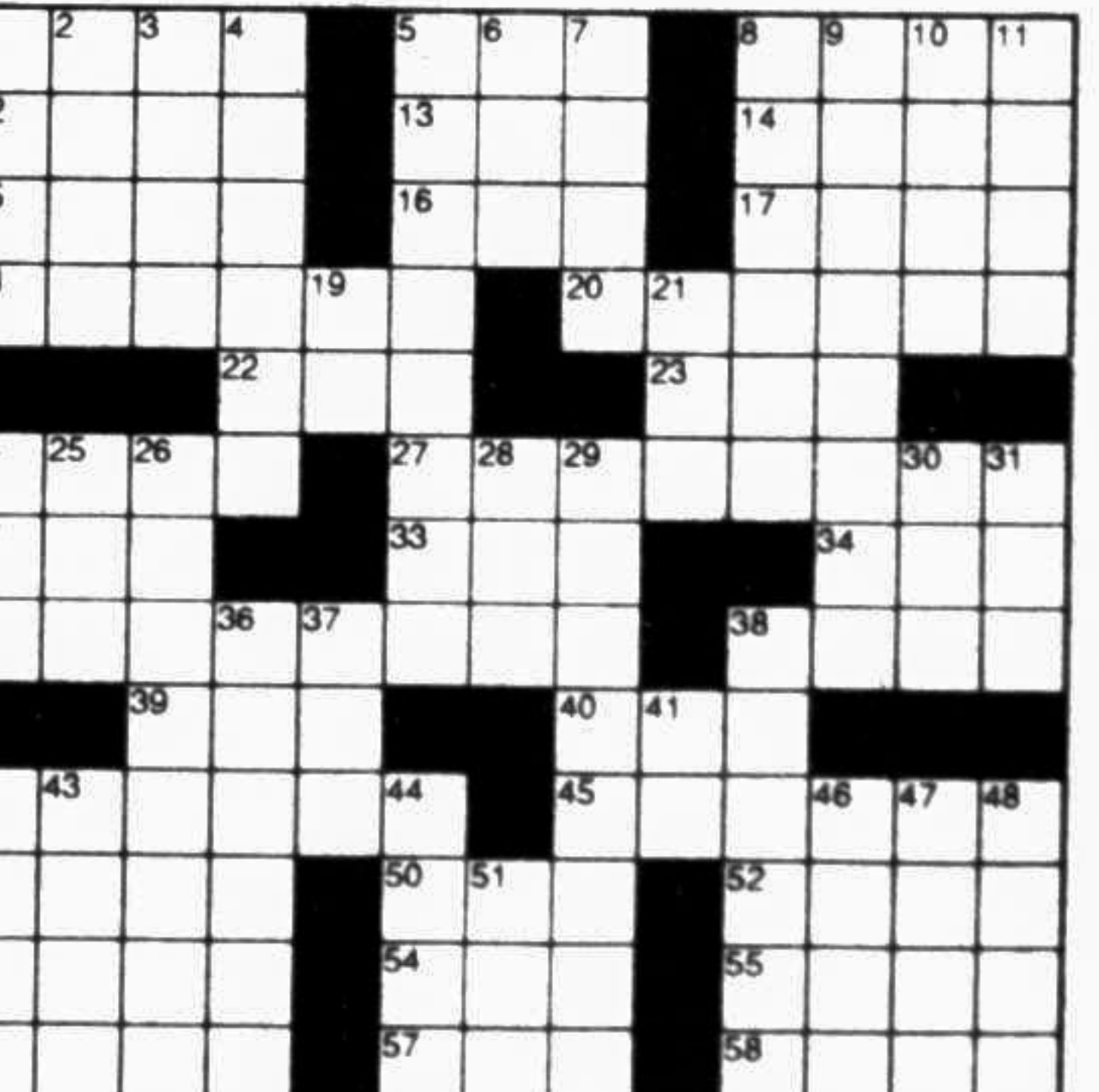
46 Sway

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Solution time: 23 mins.



CRYPTOQUIP

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M L Z S T D R Y W K Z Q A D T F R U .

The Cryptoquip 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.

Defensive bias stifles strikers

GOTEBORG, Sweden, June 16: Fear of losing has paralyzed the European Championship over the first week, writes AP.

Only six goals were scored in the first six games going into Monday's play, and both French and English fans booed and jeered their teams after a sullen 0-0 draw.

However, both coaches were pleased and French striker Jean-Pierre Papin even raised his arms with joy.

"As soon as we don't concede goals, coaches are satisfied," said French coach Michel Platini after Sunday's game. "I'm sorry it's not great to watch," he added. "Soccer is like that nowadays," Platini said.

England coach Graham Taylor is breaking with a long

tradition of offensive, enthusiastic soccer and can live with the criticism of the fans as long as his policy of containment is working.

"Tactically I'm very satisfied," he said after the second game in which England failed to score.

The only stars so far have been solid defenders like England's Des Walker, Sweden's Jan Eriksson and Oleg Kuznetsov of the Commonwealth of Independent States, who became highly-visible presences here by keeping others invisible.

Papin may have scored once, but in two games, Walker and Eriksson limited him to two chances overall.

England's top striker Gary Lineker still has to create his first chance. European top scorer Ally McCoist followed his example in Scotland's

opening game.

Germany has one excuse — striker Rudi Voeller broke his arm in his opening game.

All these strikers were expected to break the stranglehold defences have had over forwards over the last years.

"You just don't see any more open games," said French midfielder Luis Fernandez.

The drought of goals comes in the wake of the 1990 World Cup which had an abysmal 1.5 average of goals scored per game, the lowest ever.

Injuries to several of the game's biggest stars, including Germany's Lothar Matthaus and England's Paul Gascoigne, cast a shadow over the tournament before it even started. But tactics of the coaches have contributed.

"If you don't want to lose, you cannot concede goals," said Platini, overturning his

earlier strategy of attacking soccer. It won all its qualifying matches even though it conceded goals against all teams but Albania.

"If we want 4-4 games now, we should make a deal with the opponent. It does not work that way," said Platini, who thrived with sparkling skills and great goals in the 1980s.

Dutch coach Rinus Michels criticized the media for a negative attitude and singled out the CIS-Germany game, which failed to live up to the crowd until a late flurry of German chances yielded the World Cup holder a 1-1 draw.

"It's incredible they criticized that game. I loved it," he said, lauding the tactical position play that long stifled offensive moves.

Platini blamed his players for lacking the necessary skills to live up to the games.