

Group F:

WORLD CUP USA



Today's World Germany break champs' jinx Cup Fixtures

Group B; Sweden vs Cameroon Group E: Norway vs Mexico

Belgium vs Morocco (For details see Page 1)

WC snippets

UNDATED, June 18 (AP) Friday's Results - Germany 1. Bolivia 0; South Korea 2, Spain

Star of the Day - Seo Jung-Won, a second-half substitute. who scored the tying goal for South Korea in the final which contested the 1990 fiminute.

Expulsions - Bolivian striker Marco Etcheverry in the 83rd minute for rough play, four minutes after entering as a substitute; Spain's Miguel Angel Nadal in the 26th minute for a tackle from be-

History — Germany became the first defending champions to win their opening game since England in 1970. The defending champions began playing the inaugural game in

Quotes of the Day - "The love of soccer is now a universal language. It binds us all together" - President Clinton, at the opening ceremonies in Chicago for the Germany-Bolivia game.

"I saw the ball. I was very calm. I had no trouble putting the ball in the net" - South Korea's Seo Jung Won on his tying goal.

And soccer shall leave no dominion

TIRANA, June 18: Albania, Europe's poorest country has officially caught World Cup fever for the first time, splashing out (13,000 US dollars) to erect a giant outdoor screen for soccer fans in Tirana, reports Reuter.

During past World Cups before communism crumbled in 1990. Albanians used to crowd into the apartments of the few people who could afford a television set.

International soccer matches were the only foreign programmes allowed during Albania's 40 years of hardline communist rule.

It was considered the only heresy of late Stalinist dictator Enver Hoxha

Now Tirana city chiefs are encouraging their citizens to come out to enjoy the World Cup, even though Albania did not reach the finals.

Many of the country's finest soccer players have left and, in the absence of an Albanian national side in the finals. Albanians are supporting Italy, Germany and Brazil.

Traders have snapped up around 10,000 soccer shirts with the colours of Cup holders, Germany and have begun selling them on street corners. ready for the first match in the United States on Friday.

Soccer fans will be able to watch all 52 Cup matches free on the new screen.

Pre-WC jailbreak!

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 18: A group of Brazilian convicts were planning a collective jailbreak before the World soccer championship excitement, local press reported today, says Xinhua.

The interns of the Sao Paulo detention house dug a 13-metre-long tunnel under a bathroom. They were 50 meters near to the jail's outer wall when they were discovered.

The detention house is Sao Paulo's biggest jail, with 6,500 interns, 1,400 of them imprisoned in pavilion no 8.

but I must first say sorry to The convicts planned to fly the people of Bolivia and all the coop during the world Cup the people here." Etcheverry games, considering the guards. would be engrossed watching

"I should also say sorry to the matches, officials said. Matthaeus. I'm not sure TV sets have been put in whether I kicked him but if I jails for prisoners to follow did. it's only part of the game. World Cup developments, they

Etcheverry was shut off by German coach Berti Vogts ence.

CHICAGO, June goalkeeper Carlos Trucco 18: Juergen Klinmade a mistake in rushing out of the area to take on Haessler. smann, star stri-

ker of Germany's

reports Reuter.

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counter attack.

duced in 1974.

heat to become the first hold-

ers to win the opening match

since the tradition of the

World Cup winners starting

the tournament was intro-

first World Cup finals for 44

Bolivia, competing in their



only to be left for dead when

ETCHEVERRY.1st red card

On the run of play the world champions deserved their victory. But Vogts will be worried the way striker Karl-Heinz Riedle failed to take a superb chance in the first half. Although midfielder Andy

since November, deserved the red card in a tournament where referees have vowed to be tough on foul play.

The Germans started the match confidently and should have scored in the 14th minute when Moeller raced past two defenders on the left flank and put in a superb cross to Riedle.

But, with time to pick his spot from five metres from goal, the Borussia Dortmund striker could only direct his header into the hands of Trucco.

The Bolivians largely relied on counter-attacks. Twice in the first half midfielder Sanchez forced Illgner to make good saves to his right with long-range efforts in the ninth and 34th minutes, the first from a free-kick.

Sanchez and midfielder Vladimir Soria, who played some neat passes to spread the game for the South Americans, provided the fuel for the Bolivian attacks.

Haessler was a constant danger on the right flank and Moeller, tipped to be one of the stars of the tournament, seemed to be picking up his form as the game progressed.

With Klinsmann's height



German forward Juergen Klinsmann (L) steals a march on two Bolivian defenders and attempts a side volley during the opening match of the 1994 World Cup at the Soldier Field Stadium in Chicago on Friday. The defending champions won 1-0. - AFP photo

the 83rd minute when Marco Etcheverry was sent off only three minutes after coming on as a substitute. The Bolivian playmaker pushed Matthaeus.

Midfielder Erwin Sanchez was a major danger to Germany, especially with two long-range shots in the first half which goalkeeper Bodo Illgner did well to save.

The Germans needed a bit of luck with their goal. Bolivian

Juergen Klinsmann which de-

feated his side in the opening

game of the World Cup was

probably offside and followed a

am not ready to say that it was

offside for sure because I was

not in the best position to see

Haessler touched the ball with

his hand, the Spain-born

not have a good view of the

83rd minute incident which

saw Bolivian star player Marco

gised to the Bolivian people for

his dismissal just four minutes

after he came on as substitute:

"I don't think I am guilty

Etcheverry himself apolo-

"I also think (Thomas)

Azkargorta also said he did

"I think it was offside but i

handball, reports Reuter

it," Azkargorta said

Etcheverry sent off.

coach added

CHICAGO, June

18: Bolivian coach

Xabier Azkargorta

complained on

Friday that the

goal by Germany's

Moeller looked dangerous throughout, the German midfielder sometimes lacked imagination.

It was not a pretty game and some of the tackling from both sides was uncompromising. Mexican referee Arturo Brizio gave out a handful of vellow cards as well as dismissing Etcheverry

Etcheverry, who has been struggling with a knee injury

two German players, including

Matthaeus, when he made a

run down the German right

There was a scuffle on the

ground after he was tackled

and as he rose. Etcheverry ap-

peared to push Matthaeus hard

with his forearm.

and speed constantly hustling the Bolivian defence, it seemed only a matter of time before the world champions would turn their pressure into goals after a scoreless first half

The Germans needed a piece of bad goalkeeping but happy to leave the field with a

after several disappointing starts to past World Cups, the champions were more than

Azkargorta deems it offside said he was very pleased with his side's performance, especially in the first 25 minutes

mann's goal was onside. "I don't believe my Bolivian counterpart said it was offside. I didn't see it perfectly but it was definitel, at offside,

He said he believed Klins-

Vogts said. Vogts made light of the boiling conditions in the Soldier Field Stadium. "All my German players are still alive and I believe all the Bolivians are too. We just had to pace ourselves and vary the pace of the game.

'It's superb' PONTIAC, Michigan, June

18: The Swiss and US teams on Friday praised the state of the indoor grass pitch at the Pontiac Silverdome, where the teams will meet on Saturday in their first game, reports Reuter

"The pitch is superb, it's like a carpet. We'll have no excuses," enthused Swiss midfielder Christophe Chrel after both sides trained separately on the pitch in the morning.

"The condition of the pitch is excellent - we could not have expected better. The grass doctors have done a good job," US assistant coach Timo Liekoski told a news confer-

Reduced hours

BRASILÍA, June 18: Brazil's Congress will cut its working hours on days when the national team plays in the month long World Cup tourney, the head of the lower house said Friday, reports Reuter.

Chamber of Deputies president Inocencio Oliveira said the shortened schedule "would let everyone, lawmakers and workers, follow the games on television," the state news agency Agencia Brasil reported.

The lower house will work only form 9 am to 4 pm on game days. The normal working day includes a two-hour lunch and ends at 7 pm.

The senate is expected to follow the lower house in cutting its schedule. Oliveira said the shortened work day would not affect scheduled votes.

Brazilian President Itamar Franco has rejected a request that public workers have a half-day holiday when Brazil plays. Brazil's first game is Monday in Palo Alto, Calif, against Russia, with starting But German midfielder time at 5 pm Brasilia time.

President greets ROK WC squad

SEOUL, June 18: Nuclear tension was briefly forgotten in an outburst of jubilation here Saturday and President Kim Young-Sam praised South Korea's World Cup team after the pre-match underdogs drew 2-2 with Spain, reports AFP.

Seoul's streets were deserted during the usual morning rush hour, with workers glued to the screens and screaming encouragement during the live broadcast.

In a phone call to coach Kim Ho, the President said the "team's undaunted fighting spirit demonstrated the Korean people's potential and gave you countrymen an important lesson that determination will help overcome any difficulties.

· Two goals in the last six minutes allowed South Korea to snatch a dramatic 2-2 draw with Spain in their opening Group C match in Dallas, South Korea had never

reached the last 16, though it has made the finals four times. An extra burden was on the team to do well to add lustre to Seoul's bid for 2002 World Cup.

Cheering and clapping erupted on two buses full of Korean and foreign journalists who had rushed to the border truce village of Panmunjum to meet former US President Jimmy Carter upon his return from a crucial trip to North Korea aimed at helping end the nuclear standoff

Passing trucks honked their horns as the journalists forgot the nuclear tension and cheered the equaliser.

Coach Kim had said before the match that it had been hard to keep the team's mind on the game because of the nuclear worries at home.

Norwegian TV strike ends

OSLO, June 18: Staff a Norway's state television company today called off a strike threatening to stop Nor weigians from seeing their team play in the World Cup for the first time since 1938, reports Reuter.

About 2,200 striking ad ministrators, technicians and reporters agreed a new wage deal from management to end the six-day stoppage that has alarmed soccer fans.

The strike had blanked screens and cancelled most radio programmes by the Nor weigian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), which has exclusive rights to show the World Cup in Norway. "Nobody has won, there are

just two losers," said leader Holger Gulbrandsen. He com plained that people had lost sight of the wage dispute and were more worried about the soccer. The unions agreed to an av

erage wage rise of 9,300 crowns [11.300 dollars] a year, just short of their original demand of 10,000 crowns (11,400 dollars)



match of the World Cup at the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas on Friday. Spain and South Korea drew 2-2.

ROK prove pundits wrong



DALLAS, June 18: It was a sixminute miracle.

Koreans, written off by many sooper pundits, turned the Cotton Bowl into an arena of World Cup success - a 2-2 draw with formidable Spain after being down 0-2 until the last six minutes, reports AP.

Some Korean players sobbed or hugged each other as chief coach Kim Ho. wearing a grey suit despite the sweltering Texas climate, predicted that Friday's game was the beginning of a new chapter in Korean soccer.

South Korea, playing in their fourth World Cup. have never won a match. The best they did was in 1986 World Cup when they drew with Bulgaria 1-1.

South Korea, who meet Bolivia June 23, were considered the decided underdog in Friday's opening game in America's first World Cup.

Seo Jung Won, a secondhalf substitute inserted by Kim for his speed, burst through the Spanish defense and scored the tying goal on a right-footed drive from 11 metres (12 yards) in the final minute of regulation play. "I saw the ball. I was very

calm." said Seo. "I had no trouble putting the bail in the net. For Spain, Seo's blast past goalkeeper Santiago Canizares blunted a major comeback by the Spaniards.

They had to play threequarters of the game with 10 The South men after captain Miguel Angel Nadal was ejected for tackling a South Korean player from behind on a breakaway.

> That 26th-minute foul the first red card under stiff new rules against tackling a player on his way to the goal that were announced this week - gave the South Koreans momentum. But South Korea couldn't

half ended 0-0 before Spain took a 2-0 lead on a pair of goals in five-minute span just after halftime. Julio Salinas struck with a short right-footed kick at 5:10 of the second half, and Juan

Goikoetxea, who followed with

a header into the lower right

take advantage at first, and the

corner at 10:25. Golkoetxea's pass from the right flat had set up the goal by Salinas. After that, Kim changed strategy and picked up a vital point in South Korea's attempt

to reach the second round. . The Spaniards were further depleted by a thigh injury to defender Fernando Hierro. which forced him off the field for a few minutes. He returned, because his team had used up its substitutions, but he was not a force in the closing minutes.

"After the expulsion, we played pretty well," Spanish coach Javier Clemente said. "The injury to Hierro Sunk us," Salinas said.

It was a rough game on both sides, with four yellow cards handed out and fouls galore. One of those set up South Korea's first goal, when Hong Myong Bo's free kick from the circle deflected off a player in the Spanish wall and caromed past Canizares into the lower right-hand corner of the net.

Spain, in the cup finals for the fourth straight time and among the favourites to reach at least the quarterfinals, opened strong, with quick

passing and footwork. The South Koreans at first stretched the Spanish defence with long passes, than fell back into their more-honoured short-passing game. But the ejection of Nadal gave them chances, which they tried to

turn but could not. They gave plenty of work for Canizares, starting in place of veteran Andoni Zubizarreta. who was suspended for the opener because of a flagrant foul he committed in Spain's final World Cup qualifying victory over Denmark.

Nadal was thrown out for pulling down South Korea strike Ko Jeong Woon from behind two steps outside the box. Hong split the defensive wall on the free kick but Canizares dove to his left and knocked the shot away.

Kim's dream begins to gel



DALLAS, June 18: Kim Ho saw a gleam of hope for his soccer team in Texas, the Lone Star State -

where folks say dreams often come true, reports AP. After a tie and seven losses

in past World Cup games, outsider South Korea saw the door to the second round open at least slightly when Ho's team held the valiant Spaniards 2-2 in a scintillating match in Dallas. A victory, or even the draw

was very important for Kim and the South Korean bench jumped for joy after a last minute equalizer by substitute Seo Jung won earned a point. Last fall, Kim was on the

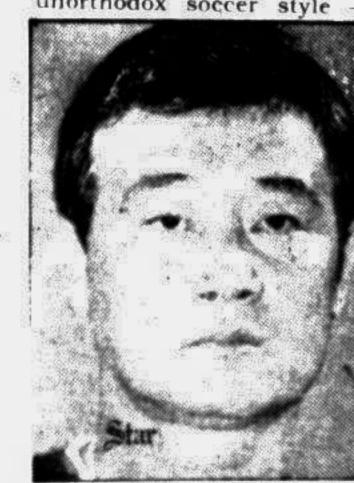
Cup Asian qualification in Qatar, where his team lost to traditional rival Japan 0-1 It qualified on goal differ ence thanks to a dramatic 2-2

brink of being fired after World

draw between Iraq and the Japanese Friday's draw matched Korea's earlier best show in the World Cup - in the 1986 World Cup, they drew 1-1 with

Bulgaria. "It was very important that we win and now we begin our campaign to qualify," Kim, wearing a grey suit in the Texas heat, told reporters in a post match news conference.

Kim, a calm and unemotional disciplinarian, wanted to mould his team in his own unorthodox soccer style -



KIM HO

mixture of fast paced game. hitting the long ball with regularity and spreading out the

His tactics had drawn sharp comments from Spanish coach Javier Clemente "Korea is the most complicated team. They are a team that won't let you play That's what they aim for.

and that's hard to combat." Clemente said earlier in the "For me football is every-

coastal area before moving to

capital Seoul, where at the age

thing," Kim said. "I am surely very happy, but we still have two more games to go. Kim grew up in a Korean

22 he earned a berth on the south Korean national team. He played until 1973. He married and settled down to a career of coaching.

In 1979 he became assistant coach of under-19 national team and in 1992 was called to

become the chief coach of the national team. After the near debacle in Qatar, the president of the

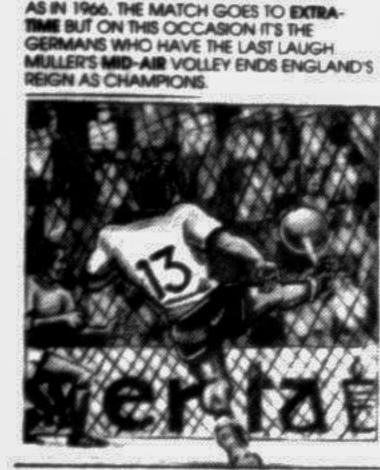
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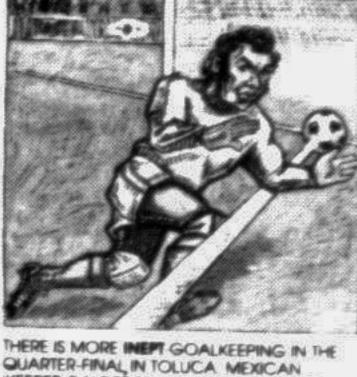
tion, Chung Mong-Joon, son of

Hyundai car baron, wanted to fire him. It seemed as if the entire Korean nation wanted Kim's head. But a compromise was reached after the entire 16-

member of the technical committee resigned and a new committee retained Kim "I don't think of my fu-

ture." Kim said. "Now I prefer to think about our team's future."





KEEPER CALDERON, A PART-TIME MOVIE

GOALS TO KO THE HOSTS

STAR FLUFFS HIS LINES AS ITALY SLAM FOUR

MEANWHILE BACK IN GUADALAJARA, THE QUARTER AND SEMI-FINALS PROVE TO BE LITTLE MORE THAN A SHOWPIECE FOR BRAZIL'S SUMPTUOUS SKILLS TOSTAO NETS TWICE IN THE WIN OVER PERU

XABIER AZKARGORTA

Arturo Brizio of "Excessive

regidity" and said he seemed to

be mounting a campaign

three Bolivians were also

booked as Brizio carried out

official instructions to punish

rough play and time-wasting

Two German players and

Against the weak

Azkargorta aocused referee









BECKENBAUER BUT GOAL MACHINE MULLER

STEALS IN TO SLIP THEM AHEAD





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