

WORLD CUP USA



Today's World **Cup Fixtures**

Group D Bulgaria vs Greece Group A

USA vs Romania Switzerland vs Colombia

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Milla's pleasure in pain

PALO ALTO, June 25: Roger Milla, who on Friday became the oldest player to compete in the World Cup finals, said he was thankful for the chance to set a new record, reports Reuter.

The 42-year-old Cameroon striker came on as a secondhalf substitute in his country's 3-0 loss to Brazil in a Group B match at Stanford Stadium, south of San Francisco.

He beat the previous mark set by Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff, then 40 years old, at the

1982 finals in Spain. "I was very thankful I was able to play, even if it was for just 37 minutes," Milla told reporters after the match.

"It felt good to set a new record but I was not happy it came in a match in which we got a dismal result."

Milla, who has now played in all three of Cameroon's World Cup finals campaigns over the last 12 years, had just one chance on goal, firing a left-footed shot into the hands of Brazilian goalkeeper Taf-

WORLD CUP TOP SCORERS

DALLAS, June 25: World Cup goalscorers after matches played on Friday.

3-Gabrel Batistuta (Argentina). Martin Dahlin (Sweden)

2-Florin Raducioiu (Romania), Juergen Klinsmann (Germany), Juan Golkoetxea (Spain). Gheorghie Hagi (Romania), Georges Bregy (Switzerland), Adolfo Valencia (Colombia), Luis Garcia (Mexico), Romario (Brazil).

I — Julio Salinas (Spain). Hong Myong-Bo (South Korea), Soe Jung-Won (South Korea), Eric Wynalda (United States), Ray Houghton (Ireland), Marc Degryse (Belgium), Kjetil Rekdal (Norway). Roger Ljung (Sweden), David Embe (Cameroon), Francois Omar-Byik (Cameroon), Rai (Brazil), Wim John (Netherlands), Gaston Taument (Netherlands), Fuad Anwar Amin (Saudi Arabia). Diego Maradona (Argentina). Rashidi Yekini (Nigeria) Daniel Amokachie (Nigeria) Emmanuel Amunike (Nigeria), Sutter (Switzerland) Stephane Chapuisat (Switzer land), Adrianm Knup (Switzerland). Ernie Stewart [United States), Dino Baggio (Italy), John Aldridge (Ireland), Bebeto (Brazil), Marcio Santos (Brazil), Oleg Salenko (Russia), Thjomas Brolin (Sweden).

WC snippets

UNDATED, June 25: Thurs day's results - Mexico 2. Ireland 1; Brazil 3, Cameroon 0; Sweden 3, Russia 1.

Stars of the Day — Luís Garcia scored both goals in Mexico's win over Ireland: Martin Dahlin had two goals on headers for Sweden against Russia.

Quote of the Day - "Brazil are en the right track but we haven't won anything yet," said Brazilian striker Bebeto There's a lot still to do but we certainly will improve.

History - Cameroon's Roger Milla became the oldest player in World Cup history when the 42-year-old came on as a substitute in the second half of a 3-0 loss to Brazil

Expulsions - Cameroon defender Rigobort Song for a hard tackle on Bebeto of Brazil in the 64th minute: Russia's Sergei Gorlukovich for getting two yellow cards against Swe-

Secreey - Nigeria closed their practice at Foxboro Stadium on Friday, one day before a game with Argentina.

"We are mysterious," said Samson Emeka Omeruah, the president of the Nigerian Football Association. "It's good to be mysterious."

goal from a narrow angle in the 73rd minute after Romario's shot was blocked and fell free to him.

his promise that this will be remembered as his World Cup. Although ineffective in the

Romario's goal put him-

further on the way to fulfilling

PALO ALTO, June

25: Brazil, ins-

pired by goals

from Romario,

Bebeto and Mar-

cio Santos, tamed

Cameroon's 'Idomitable Lions'

with a 3-0 victory in World Cup

Group B on Friday and

clinched a place in the second

Brazilians turned on the style

with a display of fluent and

skilful soccer which tore the

Cameroon defence to shreds

after 17-year-old defender Ri-

gabert Song was sent off for a

scything second half tackle on

six points following Monday's

2-0 defeat of Russia, making

them certain of a berth in the

Milla, who came off the substi-

tutes' bench in the 65th

minute to become the oldest

Even 42-year-old Roger

second round.

The victory took Brazil to

After a cautious start, the

round, reports Reuter.

early stages, his first glimpse of brilliance prevented what could have been a frustrating start for Brazil and set them

It was his second goal of the

Cameroon hustled hard in midfield and made several promising moves in the first half hour but failed to create any real chances.

The Brazilians began to get into their stride after the goal, with Rai starting to link up well with striker Bebeto and the Cameroon defence coming under almost constant pressure at the end of the first half.

The second half was all Brazil. Bell was forced into several good saves while his opposite number Taffarel was untroubled.

"As in our first match there were some problems with the referee and some things which we did not understand," Michel said without going de-

"We accept the defeat but I was not very happy with the referee," Tataw said. "He spoiled the game." Tataw said the dismissal of

Song was too severe and criticised several other decisions. Michel said he did not believe a row over unpaid

bonuses, which badly disrupted Cameroon's preparations for the match and made it hard for them to concentrate during training, had a major effect on their perfor-

"That did not directly affect the team's performance. In the second half we tried to pull ourselves together and keep more possession of the ball. But at the end of the day it was not enough," he said.



Romario, the Brazilian superstar tries to lunge into the heart of the Cameroon defence during a Group B match at the Stanford Stadium on June 24. Romario scored his second goal in the 15th World Cup as the hot favourites tamed the African lions 3-0 in a heady display of typical AFP photo Brazilian magic touch.

player to compete in the World Cup finals could not inspire

Cameroon. They showed some skilful

touches but were unable to create many openings and will almost certainly need to beat Russia in their final group match on June 28 to escape elimination. They drew their opening game 2-2 with Swe-

Brazil sent their drum-beating fans into delight after Ro mario scored in the 29th minute.

The Barcelona striker ran onto a pass from midfielder Dunga which split the defence wide open, resisted a challenge by Emile Mbouh and slipped the ball under the body of advancing goalkeeper Joseph-Antonine Bell

Defender Marcio Santos added the second in the 66th minute, immediately after Song was shown the red card and Milla came on Santos headed home a cross from captain Rai after some slack marking by Cameroon.

Bebeto scored the third

Milla who led Cameroon to the 1990 quarter-finals with four goals, was unable to produce the heroics this time.

Until Milla came on, goalkeeper Dino Zoff had been the oldest player to play in the finals. He was 40 when he captained Italy to victory in the 1982 finals in Spain.

Three players were booked. Cameroon defenders Stephen Tataw and Raymond Kalla received the yellow card for fouls and Brazilian midfielder Mauro Silva for handball.

Brazilian coach Carlos Al berto Parreira said his team had been impatient in the first half and had not created

enough openings. Things improved significantly in the second half, he said. We played the ball around more confidently. We held on to the ball instead of just kicking it upfield and with Bebeto playing on the right we

side." Cameroon captain Stephen Tataw and French-born coach Henri Michel said the Africans still-hoped to qualify for the

created more chances on that

next round Both praised Brazil but criticised Mexican referee Arturo Brizio

Attendance: 83,401 Referee: Arturo Pablo Brizio (Mexico)

Yellow cards: Brazil — Mauro Silva (45) Cameroon -- Stephen Tataw (8), Raymond Kalla (38) Red card:

Cameroon - Regobert Bo hanang Song (63)

TEAMS

Brazil: 1-Taffarel, 2-Jorginho, 13-Aldair, 15-Marcio Santos, 16-Leonardo, 5-Mauro Silva, 8-Dunga, 9-Zinho (18 Paulo Sergio, 74) 10-Rai (19-Muller 80), 7-Bebeto, 11-Ro-

Cameroon: 1: Joseph Antonine-Bell, 6-Thomas Libih, 3-Rigobert Song, 13-Raymond Kalla. 15-Hans Agbo. 14-Ste phen Tataw, 10 Louis Miede [11-Emmanuel Kessack Mabouang 70), 8-Emile Mbouh, 17-Marc Vivien Foe, 19-David Embe (9-Roger Milla 63), 7 Francois Omam-Biyik.

MATCH STATS Brazil Cameroon

Goals	3	0
Shots on goal	15	8
Fouls	11	16
Corners	3	2
Offsides	4	2
Yellow cards	1	2
Red cards	0	1

Samba sends 'lions' in swoon Brazil getting into groove

The South Americans, who are aiming for a record fourth Cameroon Friday, winning 3-0 in style.

"During the first half we were nervous, it was very even and we had a lot of trouble." coach Carlos Alberto Parreira

beto more open on the right. Brazil improved a lot technically and tactically."

mario said.

"Brazil are starting to look like champions." Bebeto, his strike partner.

is a little more cautious.

track but we haven't won anything yet," he said. "There's a lot still to do but we certainly will improve."

games, Brazil became the first team definitely in the second round. Several others, including the United States, are virtually there and can only miss out if the results go crazy.

FIFA bars Irish coach Charlton from touchline

DALLAS, June 25: Ireland coach Jack Charlton was banned by FIFA today from sitting on the touchline for their final first-round World Cup game against Norway on Tuesday for misbehaving during the first two matches, reports Reuter.

tee banned Charlton from sitting on the bench for the next game as a result of his constant misbehaviour during the first two games." FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni told Reuters.

has been shouting too much abuse at referees and linesmen during the matches against Italy and Mexico from the team's touchline bench.

whether the ban would con

who has taken Ireland to two successive Worlds Cup finals, has also complained several times to the world soccer body about the hot conditions and time available for players to drink during games.

miss Brazil clash

DETROIT, Michigan, June 25. Martin Dahlin pushed Russta to the World Cup precipfce with two knockout headers but will miss Sweden's showdown with Brazil to decide who wins Group B, re-Friday, reports AP. ports AFP

He picked up his second booking in Sweden's first World Cup win for 20 years and is automatically suspended for one game.

now the equal top scorer in the tournament with three goals with Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta

awful start to the start for us conceding the penalty, but I had a good feeling about the game, the players were very motivated and they looked sharp in the last few training sessions.

UNDATED, June 25: The good news for the World Cup is that the Brazilians are scoring goals and upholding their tradition of putting flair before method. The bad news for their rivals is that they are capable of improving, reports AP.

World Cup triumph, handed out a soccer lesson to in Stanford, Calif., and playing At least in the second half.

"In the second half we improved a lot, playing with Be-

If they continue to make improvements, the other

teams had better watch out. "If Brazil continue to play their own brand of soccer it's hard to see that we won't win the competition," striker Ro-

"Brazil are on the right

With two wins from two

"FIFA's disciplinary commit

Brazil FIFA consider that Charlton

Tognoni did not say

tinue if Ireland qualified for the second round of the Word Charlton, an Englishman

much of the first half but Tomas Brolin equalised for Sweden in the 39th minute from another penalty after Gorlukovich fouled Dahlin in-

Sweden's Dahlin to

The 26-year-old Dahlin is "I picked up my second yel

low card so I will miss the Brazilian match ... Of course ! am sad, but I know my team can do it without me," Dahlin Svensson said: "It was an

Sadyrin said he would resign if the team failed to qualify for the second from Group B which also includes Brazil Sweden and Cameroon



NOT SLEEPING BUT SCORING: Swedish striker Martin Dahlin nods the ball into Russian net to seal the fate of the Group B match at the Pontiac Silverdome Stadium. Sweden won comfortably 3-1.

Dahlin double dumps Russia

Sweden face mighty Brazil

Dahlin was only denied a

in their final game while

Russia, now beaten twice, take

hattrick by the woodwork, his

18-metre shot rebounding off

the bar in the 23rd minute

with Russian keeper Dmitry

Sadyrin by several top players

had deprived the Russians of

their top forward line and the

lack of striking experience was

never more evident in the last

five minutes when Russia could

in the 85th minute but the

goal was disallowed for a foul

and seconds later Valery

Karpin missed an open goal

after breaking clear of the de-

Radchenko missed a glori-

Kharin, rated one of the

ous chance in the 48th minute

when he broke clear but fired

wide of the far-post from just

best goalkeepers in Europe,

made a superb save in the 57th

minute when he dived to his

right to push out a point-blank

Dmitry Radchenko netted

The rebellion against

on Cameroon.

Kharin well-beaten.

have equalised.

fence in the area.

eight metres.

header from Brolin.

PONTIAC. June side the area, 25: Striker Martin Dahlin kept Sweden's World Gup hopes alive

on Friday by scoring two goals in a 3-1 victory against a makeshift Russian side reduced to 10 men for . most of the second half, reports Reuter.

The turning point in the Group B match came in the 47th minute, when Russian defender Sergei Gorlukovich was sent off after receiving his second yellow card for a foul on Dahlin. Eleven minutes later Dahlin

close-range header from three metres out to put his team 2-1 ahead and well on the way to three points. Eight minutes from time Dahlin added his second goal with another close-range

stooped low to direct home a

Kennet Andersson. The defeat was disastrous for the troubled Russians. riven by a player mutiny and showing wholesale changes from the side beaten 2-0 by

header after a superb cross by

Team coach Pavel Sadyrian dropped five players, including main striker Sergei Yuran and three experienced midfielders, and the daring move seemed to have worked after his side went ahead after just four minutes.

Striker Oleg Salenko, one of the five replacements, scored easily from the penalty spot after defender Rogger Ljung dragged Alexander Borodyuk to the ground. Sweden looked sluggish for

Sadyrin vowed to resign if the team performed poorly Russian assistant coach Yuri Semin said French referee

Before the tournament

Joel Quiniou had been wrong to dismiss Gorlukovich. "The red card was uncalled for. Gorlukovich just tripped over Dahlin's foot ... after that

we lost the game," he told reporters. Striker Salenko said Quiniou had acted too hastily . For because the game had been full .

of hard tackles Swedish coach Tommy Sevensson said he had had no

doubts his team would win de-

spite the early penalty.

"I think they were a little tired at the end of the first half. We made them run a lot," The win was Sweden's first in the World Cup since July 3...

1974, when the side beat the former Yugoslavia 2-1. Referee: Joel Quinio (France) Yellow cards:

Sweden Kennet Andersson (42), Stefan Schwarz (52), Martin Dahlin

Russia - Sergei Gorlukovich (2), Dmitry Kharin (34) Red Card:

Russia - Sergei Gorlukovich

TEAMS Sweden: 1-Thomas Ravelli, 2-Roland Nilsson, 3-Patrik 4-Joachim Andersson. Bjoerklund (20-Magnus Erlingmark 89), 5-Roger Ljung. 6-Stefan Schwarz. 8-Klas Ingesson, 9-Jonas Thern, 19-Kennet Andersson (7-Henrik Larsson 84), 10-Martin

Russia: 16-Dmitry Kharin, 2-Dmitry Kuznetsov, 3-Sergei Gorlukovich, 5-Yuri Nikiforov, 18-Viktro Onopko, 21-Dmitry Khlestov, 8-Dmitry Popov (10-Valery Karpin 41), 19-Alexander Mostovoi, 13-Alexander Borodyuk (4-Dmitry Galyamin 51). 15-Dmitry Radchenko, 9-Oleg Salenko.

Dahlin, 11-Tomas Brolin.

MATCH STATS

	Sweden	Russia
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nots on goal	24	11
uls	10	14
rners	1	5
fsides	8	3
llow cards	3	2
ed cards	0	1

Sadyrin to quit after WC

team against Cameroon before

consecutive World Cup where

Russia which competed in

1990 as the Soviet Union -

failed to advance beyond the

officially resigning.

first round.

Sadyrin is likely to lead his

This will be the second



June 25: Russian national team coach Pavel Sadyrin will resign following his squad's debacle at the World Cup.

PONTIAC. Mich.

"Sadyrin will hand his resignation when we return to Russia." a senior team official who demanded anonymity told The Associated Press.

Russian team sources said

"If he doesn't resign, the Russian Federation is likely to replace him," the official said after Russia lost 3-1 to Sweden on Friday and virtually lost any chance of qualifying for the second round

Sadyrin has been Russia's head coach since June 1992.

Sadyrin was not available for comment, and assistant coach Yuri Semin said it was "up to the federation" to decide the Before the championship,

PAVEL SADYRIN

Russia's appearance at the World Cup was marked by a bitter dispute between some star players and Sadyrin.

Four key players - foreign based Andrei Kanchelskis.

BUT THE GERMANS DEFY THE ODDS YET

AGAIN SUBSTITUTE RUMMENIGGE PULLS

Sergei Kirlakov, Igor Kolyvanov and Igor Shalimov - refused to play for Sadyrin at the World Cup. They were among a group of 15 rebels who boycotted the national team in December, demanding higher pay and the ouster of Sadyrin for alleged incompetence.

continued at the World Cup with some players accusing Sadyrin of "the old Sovietstyle" attitudes and training methods, the Russian team sources said. After the poor start in the opener against Brazil, Sadyrin

The squabble reportedly

Sergei Yuran, who plays for Benfica in Portugal and scratched him from the lineup against Sweden, the sources Forward Oleg Salenko said that in addition to "team

clashed with star striker

physical preparation and serious training matches.' Asked who was to blame, Salenko said: "Maybe our

spirit," the squad "lacked

trainer, or the federation, or the players. I don't know."

CRUCIALLY. THE SOUTH AMERICANS REARGUARD FAILS THEM ONCE MORE THEY STRUGGLE TO CLEAR A CORNER AND ROSSI POUNCES TO TURN THE BALL PAST PERES THE CARNIVAL IS OVER.



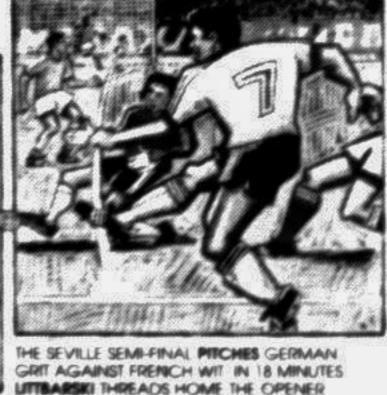


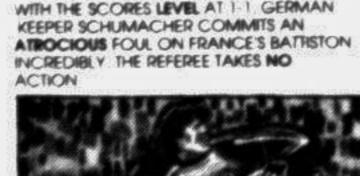
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THROUGH TIGANA AND GIRESSE AND



ONE BACK AND FISCHER'S ACROBATIC EFFORT MAKES IT 3-3



OUT WILL DECIDE THE FINALISTS SOCICER'S VERSION OF RUSSIAN ROULETTE BRINGS AGONY FOR THE OFF TARGET BOSSIS AND ECSTASY FOR HRUBESCH WHO CONVERTS GERMANY'S