



WORLD CUP USA '94



Today's World Cup Fixtures

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Holland vs Morocco
Belgium vs S Arabia
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Brazil top Sprint Poll

KANSAS CITY, June 28: Results of the Sprint Soccer Poll, a weekly ranking of the top 10 national soccer teams as determined by a panel of 50 international soccer writers through Monday June 27. The rankings are based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system, with first place teams receiving 10 points, second place receiving 9, etc. First place votes are in parentheses:

1. Brazil (46), 494 points.
2. Argentina (2), 419.
3. Germany (2), 415.
4. Belgium, 272.
5. Nigeria, 250.
6. Ireland, 144.
7. Italy, 137.
8. Mexico, 136.
9. Sweden, 108.
10. Netherlands, 100.

Also receiving votes: Romania, 87; United States, 70; Switzerland, 50; Spain, 36; Norway, 28; and Bulgaria 4.

Goal scorers

DALLAS, June 28: World Cup goal scorers after matches played on Monday:

4 goals — Juergen Klinsmann (Germany)

3 goals — Gabriel Batistuta (Argentina), Martin Dahlin (Sweden)

2 goals — Florin Raducioiu (Romania), Jose Caminero (Spain), Juan Goikoetxea (Spain), Gheorghe Hagi (Romania), Georges Bregy (Switzerland), Adolfo Valencia (Colombia), Luis Garcia (Mexico), Romario (Brazil), Fuad Anwar Amin (Saudi Arabia), Claudio Caniggia (Argentina), Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria), Hong Myung-Bo (South Korea).

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Govt tried to play with Cameroon

YAOUNDE, June 28: Politicians in the Cameroon capital tried to force changes on their country's World Cup team against Brazil only hours before kick-off, reports AFP.

Veteran striker Roger Milla and Joseph-Antoine Bell, their goalkeeper who quit the national team following the 3-0 defeat by Brazil in San Francisco last Friday, revealed the governmental intervention on Monday.

The Cameroon squad's United front against the orders prevented changes, but Milla and Bell both said outside interference had a negative effect on the team's performance in the United States.



German scoring-machine Juergen Klinsmann celebrates after netting the first goal against South Korea in the world champs final game in Group C at the Cotton Bowl Stadium on Monday. Germany squeezed home 3-2. — AFP photo

ROK show champs clay-feet



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UNDATED, June 28: If Brazil and Argentina were watching Germany's 3-2 victory over South Korea Monday, they'll know how to stop the Germans retaining the World Cup, reports AP.

Playing in 49 Celsius (120 Fahrenheit) heat in Dallas, the Germans visibly wilted in second half as the Koreans, 3-0 down at half time, hit back to score twice.

They were only denied a leveller by the brilliant of German goalie Bodo Illgner, who made three world class saves in the final 10 minutes.

The Koreans exposed the tiring Germans in the final half hour of the game in the Cotton Bowl by attacking down the flanks and pulling defenders out of position.

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Karlheinz Riedle ended his eight-month scoring drought with a 20th minute goal.

Germany, who finished top of their group, will be without versatile defence-cum-midfielder Stefan Effenberg in the second round after he picked up his second booking of the tournament for a foul.

Germany, roundly criticised for lifeless performances in their first two matches, responded with their best football of the tournament in the first half as speedy winger Thomas Haessler ripped the German defence to shreds with his crosses.

But the champions came under intense pressure in the second half and only just got away with the victory that put them ahead of Spain at the top of Group C.

The Koreans, who changed their goalkeeper at halftime, used their pace to launch a series of attacks that left some serious question marks about Germany's ability to defend their crown.

Germany's tactic of dropping ineffective midfielder Andreas Moeller and bringing back Riedle looked to have paid off as they toyed with their opponents for much of the first half.

Illgner scored first in the 12th minute when

Haessler swept in a cross which dropped just behind the Monaco striker who swivelled and fired the waist-high ball into the net.

Eager to raise his goals tally, Riedle was booked when he continued after the referee's whistle for offside and banged the ball into the net again.

But he eventually claimed his second in the 37th minute when the Koreans failed to clear another Haessler cross and the ball dropped perfectly for Illgner.

Riedle, recalled after being dropped for the group match against Spain, scored for the first time since a 5-0 rout of Uruguay in October when he knocked home a rebound off the post in the 20th minute.

South Korea, still without a win in 11 games at World Cup finals, pulled the first goal back in the 52nd minute when Hwang ran on to a lob over the defence from Park Jung-Bae.

Hong, who scored against Spain, added the second with a rifling 25-metre shot in the 63rd minute.

As the Germans wilted in the 34 degree Celsius heat, the Koreans charged forward seeking the equaliser and Illgner was forced to make several fine saves in the final quarter of an hour.

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Referee: Joel Quiniou (France)

Yellow cards:

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South Korea — Choi Young-II (89).

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I like the players to take part with an attitude that shows character," he said recently at the team's training camp at nearby George Mason University. "I like their attitude of enjoyment regardless of anything and regardless too of their rivals. It is an important human experience."

With his thick hair, authoritarian nature and spectacles, the 49-year-old coach has the look of a professor when he attends news conferences, dismissing some questions with

playful humility and we had luck too," Baron said after the match, leaving claqueurs with barren notebooks.

"When life smiles on you, fortune is nearby. And when there is bad luck it is often to do with a lack of attitude and capacity to work in life," he added.

Mexico's victory was only their second on foreign soil in 10 appearances in the finals since 1930. The last was a 3-1 win over Czechoslovakia at Vina Del Mar during the 1962 finals in Chile.

Since then, Baron had de-

German campaign in chaos



home eliminated, the Germans prepared for a second round game in épicerie Chicago, where Spain downed Bolivia 3-1 in 20 degrees Celsius (68 Fahrenheit) to send the South Americans home along with Colombia.

"We can go back to Chicago where the conditions are better for European teams," German coach Berti Vogts said.

"In the beginning of this game (against Korea) we had no problems whatsoever, but afterwards we played quickly, perhaps too fast. Maybe then we fell prey to the heat."

German striker Juergen Klinsmann, who scored two first half goals, described how the sticky Dallas heat started to hit the players.

"After 60 minutes, we had problems physically," Klinsmann said. "After 25 minutes in the second half, I started feeling cramps in my stomach, legs and thighs."

The good news for the Germans is that they won't go back to Dallas again. According to the World Cup schedule, they go to Chicago and New York before the final in Pasadena.

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Both venues have had temperatures in the mid-30s Celsius (90s Fahrenheit) on game days and the South Americans would be better suited to conditions like that.

So far, Romania, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil and Belgium have definitely made it to the second round with the United States waiting to see if they wind up as one of the four best third-place finishers.

At least four teams will join them Tuesday when two more groups are finalized.

Sweden could afford to lose

to Brazil in the Pontiac Silverdome and still qualify, although not by too many goals.

Cameroun hoped to sneak in with a crushing victory at Stanford over the Russians, who had virtually no chance of advancing after two defeats.

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Provided they keep winning.

If Brazil and Argentina top their first round groups, neither will meet the Germans before the semifinal, which will be played at Giants

Stadium or the Rose Bowl, Pasadena.

TEAMS

GERMANY: Bodo Illgner, 6.

Guido Buchwald, 4-Juergen Kohler, 10-Lothar Matthaeus (7-Andreas Moeller 63), 3.

Andreas Brehme, 14-Thomas Berthold, 20-Stefan Effenberg (5-Thomas Helmer 74), 16-

Matthias Sammer, 8-Thomas Haessler, 18-Juergen Klinsmann, 9-Karlheinz Riedle.

SOUTH KOREA: 1-Choi Young (21-Park Chul-Woo 46), 4-Kim Pan-Kyun, 5-Park Junge-Bae, 20-Hong Myung-Bo, 12-Choi Young-II, 7-Shi Hong-Gi, 6-Lee Young-Jin (2-Chung Jong-Song 40), 9-Kim Joo-Sung, 10-Ko Jeong-Woon, 18-Hwang Sun-Hong, 15-Choi Jin-Ho (11-Seo Jung-Won 46).

MATCH STATS

Germany South Korea

Goals 3 2

Shots on goal 14 24