

GOAL SCORERS

UNDATED: June 29: Following are the World Cup '94 goal scorers after Tuesday's matches.

6 goals — Oleg Salenko (Russia).

4 goals — Juergen Klinsmann (Germany).

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

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

1 goal — Julio Salinas (Spain), Hwang Sun-Hong (South Korea), Soe Jung-Won (South Korea), Eric Wynalda (United States), Ray Houghton (Ireland), Marc Degryse (Belgium), Kjetil Rekdal (Norway), Roger Ljung (Sweden), David Enbe (Cameroon), Francois Omar-Biyik (Cameroon), Rai (Brazil), Wim Jonk (Netherlands), Gaston Taument (Netherlands), Diego Maradona (Argentina), Rashid Yekini (Nigeria), Daniel Amokachi (Nigeria), Emmanuel Amunike (Nigeria), Alain Sutter (Switzerland), Stephane Chapuisat (Switzerland), Adrian Knup (Switzerland), Ernie Stewart (United States), Dino Baggio (Italy), John Aldridge (Ireland), Bebe (Brazil), Marcelo Santos (Brazil), Dmitry Radchenko (Russia), Tomas Brodin (Sweden), Sami Al-Jaber (Saudi Arabia), Philippe Albert (Belgium), Mohamed Chaouch (Morocco), Samson Siasia (Nigeria), Yordan Lechkov (Bulgaria), Daniel Borimirov (Bulgaria), Dan Petrescu (Romania), Harold Lozano (Colombia), Herman Gaviria (Colombia), Karlheinz Riedle (Germany), Erwin Sanchez (Bolivia), Josep Guardiola (Spain), Demetrio Albertini (Italy), Marcelino Bernal (Mexico), Kennet Andersson (Sweden), Roger Milla (Cameroon).

Moody Mexican

MEXICO CITY, June 29: One person died of burns and about 70 people were injured Tuesday as celebrations by thousands of Mexican soccer fans over their team's World Cup performance turned sour, a Red Cross official said, reports Reuter.

A 23-year-old man was hit by a firecracker in the zone Rosa tourist area of Mexico City as thousands of jubilant fans celebrated Mexico's 1-1 draw against Italy which left them in first place in their qualifying group.

A young man identified as Jaime Lucas Estevez was hit by a firework and has died, a Red Cross spokesman said. "His wife is in hospital with burns."

He said around 20 people had been treated at a hospital for injuries suffered during the celebrations and another 50 or so had been given on-the-spot treatment, mostly for cuts and bruises from falls or flying objects.

Reverellers, most of them good-humoured, streamed to the Angel of Independence column on Mexico City's central Reforma area as soon as the match in Washington ended to fete the national team's performance.

Police last Friday came under attack from bottle-throwing crowds for trying to impede access to the Angel Column after Mexico beat Ireland 2-1. This time they allowed reverellers to flock at its base and maintained a more discreet presence.

But radio and television reports said further away from the city centre fans blocked major thoroughfares and in some cases robbers stopped cars and stole money from drivers.

Around 70 people, including 23 police, were hurt in last Thursday's disturbances but the death of Lucas was the first known fatality so far in this year's World Cup celebrations.

Foreign tourists watched the celebrations around the Angel monument in bemusement.

"It isn't like this in Dusseldorf," said a German tourist. "We are quiet people in Germany."



GAZZA'S TEARS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES SHED ON THE NIGHT. ENGLAND'S PEACE AND WADDLE ARE INCONSOLABLE AFTER THEIR SHOOT-OUT BLUNDERS LET THE GERMANS GO THROUGH.



Brazil's prolific striker Romario races his way through the Swedish defence and is about side foot the ball home during a World Cup group B match in the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit on Tuesday. Brazil and Sweden drew 1-1. — AFP photo

Romario to Brazil's rescue

PONTIAC, June 29: A slice of magic by Romario helped a patchy Brazilian side to a 1-1 World Cup draw against Sweden and secure top spot in Group B on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

They will meet the United States in the second round. Romario earned his side a share of the spoils in the 47th minute when he ran into the penalty area and shot past goalkeeper Tomas Ravelli despite being closely shepherded by three Swedish players.

The goal revitalised Brazil and six minutes later Romario almost clinched victory with another shot from inside the area. Ravelli stuck out his left leg to divert the ball side.

Sweden, playing without suspended striker Martin Dahlin, took the lead in the 23rd minute with the first real chance to fall to either side in an uninspiring match.

Tomas Brodin, scored against Brazil in a 2-1 defeat at the 1990 World Cup, evaded to tackles in midfield before chipping a 20-metre pass to Andersson on the left-hand edge of the area.

The tall striker chested the ball down and flicked a right-foot shot over goalkeeper Tafarel for one of the goals of the tournament.

The skilful goal went some way to obliterating the memory of a poor first half during which neither side seemed able to put two passes together in last third of the field.

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CUP HIGHLIGHTS

UNDATED: June 29: Tuesday's Results — Ireland 0, Norway 0; Mexico 1, Italy 1; Brazil 1, Sweden 1; Russia 6, Cameroon 1.

Stars of the Day — Russia's Oleg Salenko, who scored five goals, a World Cup record; Marcelino Bernal, whose second-half goal lifted Mexico from the bottom of Group E to the top.

Quote of the Day — "Record, what record? Now that I found out, it feels great to join the legends." — Oleg Salenko.

Moving On — United States, Mexico, Ireland, Italy and Sweden qualified for the second round, joining Germany, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Belgium, Romania and Switzerland.

Moving Out — Norway and Cameroon were eliminated, joining South Korea, Bolivia and Colombia.

Dismissed — German midfielder Stefan Effenberg was sent home by his coach and thrown off the national team for making an obscene gesture at fans.

History — The United States advanced for the first time since 1930. In that 13-team tournament, the inaugural World Cup held in Uruguay, the United States won their group, beating Paraguay and Belgium. The Americans then lost to Argentina in the semifinals.

Panagoulas to quit after WC

CONCORD, Massachusetts, June 29: Greece's World Cup coach Alkietas Panagoulas said on Tuesday he may quit the national team and return to live in the United States, reports Reuter.

"I have a two-year contract that ends in July. I don't think I'm going to stay with the national team," he said after his team's practice at the Middlesex School.

"I think my goal has been fulfilled because I was involved in everything that Greece ever achieved, going to the (1980) European Finals and now the World Cup.

"I might come back here. This is my second country."

Resigned to the fact that beating Nigeria is beyond his modest team, Panagoulas said: "We will go back with a lot of memories."

Germans yet to win one

AMSTERDAM, June 29: Substitute Diego Alonza scored with less than two minutes to go to earn Argentina an unexpected, but well-deserved, 1-1 draw against Olympic champions Germany on the fourth day of the seven nations hockey Trophy on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Alonza swept in a penalty corner rebound after a deft double dummy move had created the space for Gustavo Keenan's shot.

Germany, who have yet to win after three games, took the lead in the 18th minute through Dirk Staudinger after captain Christian Blunck carved an opening.

Clinical penalty corner finishing drove the Netherlands to a 7-0 victory over Malaysia with five out of seven attempts producing goals.

Floris Jan Jovelander, the tournament's leading scorer with six, converted the first followed by Jacques Brinkman twice following up Jovelander's shots and Taco van Den Honert with two superbly flicked efforts into the roof of the net.

A Jovelander interception allowed Van Den Honert to set up Marc Delissen for the third goal and Van Den Honert was again the provider for Teun de Nooyter to score the sixth with a fearsome lofted drive.

Malaysia were unable to manage a shot against reserve Dutch goalkeeper Erik Jan de Rooy.

STANDINGS

Table showing tournament standings: (Tabulated — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points). Rows for Netherlands, Pakistan, Australia, Argentina, Germany, South Africa, Malaysia.

The Germans are clearly the better team but their mode of victory is dubious. In the 85th minute, Voller tumbles in the box and the weak Mexican referee awards a penalty.

In a poor spectacle, Argentina appear content to defend and take their chances in a shoot-out. Their spoiling tactics are unbecoming. In the 68th minute, Monzon becomes the first man to be red-carded in a final.

Full-back Andy Brehme is entrusted with the responsibility. As hundreds of flashlights sparkle, he carries out his task with aplomb.

Two minutes later, Dezotti follows Monzon into an early bath and Argentina's discipline evaporates. The referee is jostled and a whinging Maradona is booked.

The final whistle is a relief to everyone. Lothar Matthaus, the disgraced West German captain, collects the FIFA World Cup. A jet reward for the quality of his team's performances in the earlier rounds of the tournament.

Argentina in for tough time

DALLAS, June 29: Argentina anticipate facing an ultra-defensive Bulgaria in what could be a highly charged final World Cup first-round match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Argentina could be heading for a Titanic collision with Italy in the second round unless they knock out the Bulgarians with the kind of killer punch Russia produced against Cameroon in winning 6-1 on Tuesday.

The twice world champions want to keep their winning roll going in a game in which Diego Maradona will set a World Cup record and the incentive for a high-scoring victory could be a meeting with Saudi Arabia instead of Italy.

However, Maradona, who will be playing in his 22nd World Cup final match, one more than German Uwe Seeler and Poland's Wladislaw Zmuda, does not expect an easy ride.

"Bulgaria look a useful side," he said. "Nigeria beat them on the physical side of things. I don't think they were too much better. They have good players like Kostadinov and Stoichkov."

Nigeria beat Bulgaria 3-0 in their opening Group D match. "We don't care who we play in the next round. Whoever comes along is okay," said Maradona.

His hopes of celebrating his personal World Cup landmark with a victory could be spoiled by a Bulgarian side with just one aim on their minds — avoiding defeat.

After winning their first match in six World Cup finals last Sunday against Greece,

they want to avoid ruining the party atmosphere by crashing out of the finals.

A draw would guarantee Bulgaria a place in the last 16 and if Saudi Arabia lose their final Group F game against Belgium 24 hours earlier, a 1-0

defeat would see Bulgaria advance.

They will have the luxury of knowing what result they need to make the second round. Argentina will also know by how many goals they must beat Bulgaria to earn themselves easier second-round opponents.

Argentina coach Alfio Basile knows exactly what to expect in the Cotton Bowl on Thursday. "Bulgaria are going to play ball — everyone behind the ball," he said.

The three-man attacking line-up Bulgaria fielded in their desperate search for

as much talent as any in the past 20 years. It has also found belief in those talents and the confidence to take the game to opponents, especially when the chips are down.

"Another goal by Nigeria would have tumbled all the good things we've been working at," Maradona said after Saturday's victory.

Argentina went not only for an equaliser but also a win, when perhaps many sides in the past would have settled for a point, as well as responding to the Africans' rough tackling with the same medicine.

Redondo summed up his

team's attitude. "We have a variety of attacking options. There are several players who can turn up in scoring positions," he said.

"It's a reality that if you put more men in attack, you'll have less ball winning specialists in defence. But if the team thinks about dominating, holding the initiative, more people will have the ball and in that way they will dominate."

"Argentina have set out to do that and succeeded."

Basile's 1994 Argentina has

strikers Gabriel Batistuta and Claudio Caniggia.

The team that won the 1986 title in Mexico under Carlos Bilardo were modern and European in their use of a libero and man-to-man marking, and pragmatic.

Bilardo built his largely workman-like side around a Maradona at the peak of his powers. The only other quotas of flair came from Jorge Valdano and Jorge Burchugga.

In 1990, Argentina suffered a traumatic defeat in the opening match against Cameroon — the kind of loss that has often seen them quickly retreat into a defensive shell.

This they duly did, working their way unattractively to a second successive final with only two victories in normal play.

A previous famous example was a 6-1 thrashing by Czechoslovakia in Sweden in 1958, a year after they had won the South American title in Peru in style — including a 4-0 defeat of arch rivals Brazil, the World Cup winners 12 months later.

It took Argentina 20 years to overcome that humiliation and their World Cup sides in 1962 and more notoriously in 1966 are remembered for rough house defensive tactics. They failed even to qualify in 1970 and Brazil were superb winners in Mexico.

Menotti pioneered a change in attitudes that has seen Argentina under just three different coaches since late 1974 — a remarkable turnaround for a country that usually got through more than one a year. They took part in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany under their third coach since the qualifiers.

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