

Orange occasion

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pass from the right by Teun de Noijer.

Another deflection by Veen secured the Dutch their third goal six minutes before the final whistle, but South Korea's dual strike in the final moments threw open the game.

South Korea's silver medal in only their third Olympics followed their fifth place finish at Atlanta four years ago.

Both the Netherlands and South Korea had reached the title round with unexpected help from their rivals.

The Dutch, almost out of contention when they crashed to a 2-0 defeat against Pakistan in the preliminary league last Tuesday, were lifted into the semifinals when Great Britain stunned Germany three hours later.

Then in the semifinals, a missed stroke by Australia's Brent Livermore in the tie-breaker saw the Dutch through after an uninspiring goalless draw.

The Koreans too were relieved by a last-gasp equaliser by Poland that knocked India out of the semifinal race.

Earlier in the bronze medal game, Troy Elder scored three goals as hosts the blasted Pakistan 6-3 to retain the medal they won at Atlanta four years ago.

Veteran Stephen Davies, James Elmer and Michael Brennan also found the mark as the Kookaburras pumped in three goals in each session to complete a comprehensive win.

It helped the hosts tide over the disappointment of being knocked out in a penalty shoot-out by the Netherlands in Thursday's semifinal.

Australia will have to wait till 2004 to bid for their first gold medal, despite a top-four finish for a sixth straight time.

Pakistan, who won the last of their three golds at the Los Angeles Games in 1984, leave Sydney two places higher than their sixth place at Atlanta.

The play-off between the losing semifinalists began on a rousing note with three goals in the first eight minutes, two of them by Australia.

Elder, the 22-year-old Queenslander playing in his first Olympics, put the hosts ahead in the third minute by converting their first penalty corner.

Atif Bashir drew level in the sixth by deflecting in a pass from the right, but Elder scored his second goal two minutes later to make it 2-1.

At the other end, Mohammad Sarwar's reverse lift from the top of the circle flew over the Australian goal.

The Kookaburras, however, increased the margin five minutes before half-time when Davies scored from a rebound off keeper Ahmed Alami's pads.

Pakistan's penalty corner

Sohail Abbas netted his 11th goal of the competition after the break to make it 4-1 but Australia hit back with quick goals from Elmer and Brennan.

Asif Javed pulled one for Pakistan just before the final hooter.

Gold-costing

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it too soon and Edwards was early left with no one to hand over the baton to.

"Wait, wait," she screamed as Perry shot off down the track. Perry eased up but the damage had been done.

By the time Perry took off with the baton in her hand she was firmly in third place.

Jones, unlike Perry, went off too slow and even the fastest woman in the world could not catch the streaking Debbie Ferguson from Bahamas and 40-year-old Merlene Ottey of Jamaica, in her last Olympics.

"It was disaster out there,"

Christye Gaines, who ran first leg, "When you make mistakes like that then you no chance."

Audrey Davis-Thompson of Bahamas, running her last race, was thrilled to go out with gold.

The Americans never respect us. Marion Jones was in their team and we beat them. Now they will have to show us some respect," she enthused.

Voeller sticks to the pattern

OBERSHAUSEN, Germany Sept 29: German caretaker coach Rudi Voller, in announcing his squad to face England at Wembley on October 7 in a crucial World Cup Group Nine qualifier, kept faith with the squad which beat Greece 2-0 on September 7 reports AFP.

The only change is that the squad has been trimmed from 22 players to 20 with defensive midfielder Jorg Heinrich of Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich forward Alexander Zickler missing through injury.

"It's not just a match with three points at stake, it's a classic encounter - and played at a classic venue - so there will be no problems motivating ourselves," said Voller, who since taking over from Euro 2000 flop Erich Ribbeck has won both his matches as caretaker.

However, Voller insisted he will definitely hand over the reins next June to Bayer Leverkusen coach Christoph Daum as arranged.

The Germans started their reign by thrashing Spain 4-1 in a friendly and then were solid if unspectacular in beating Greece in Hamburg.

"Christoph Daum is the ideal solution. It has always been

clear to me that I would stop this summer," said Voller, who is to return to his post as Leverkusen's sporting director.

Daum, 46, was in July named as the man to take the Germans through to the World Cup and also Euro 2004.

However, as Voller's stock has risen with two wins under his belt ahead of the double-header against England, Daum's out of the top five in

SQUAD
Goalkeepers: Oliver Kahn (Bayern Munich), Jens Lehmann (Borussia Dortmund)

Defenders: Frank Baumann (Werder Bremen), Ingo Hertzsch (SV Hamburg), Thomas Linke (Bayern Munich), Jens Nowotny (Bayer Leverkusen), Marko Rehmer (Hertha Berlin)

Middlefielders: Michael Ballack (Bayer Leverkusen), Stefan Beinlich (Hertha Berlin), Sebastian Deisler (Hertha Berlin), Dietmar Hamann (Liverpool/Eng), Carsten Ramelow (Bayer Leverkusen), Mehmet Scholl (Bayern Munich), Dariusz Wosz (Hertha Berlin), Christian Ziege (Liverpool/Eng)

Strikers: Oliver Bierhoff (AC Milan/Ita), Marco Bode (Werder Bremen), Carsten Jancker (Bayern Munich), Oliver Neuville (Bayer Leverkusen), Paulo Rink (Bayer Leverkusen)

Bundesliga and struggling badly in the Champions League.

But on Wednesday Daum insisted that "everything will go ahead as planned."

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Luxemburgo puts up a brave face

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept 30:

Brazil coach Wanderley Luxem-

burgo insisted on Friday he had

no intention of resigning despite

the disappointment of an early

Olympic exit, reports AFP.

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Lions have the last roar

known as the Indomitable Lions

for nothing. They began to reel

Spain in after 53 minutes when

Patrick Mboma's cross took a

bounce off Anaya and

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their first goal.

Mboma also provided the

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Iorca before a summer move to Arsenal added: "The spirit in the side is tremendous. We knew we could get back into the game and we knew we could beat them. I have won four major titles in my career, but nothing compares to this," he said pointing to the gold medal Cameroun richly deserved.

LINEUPS

SPAIN: Daniel Aranzubia; Jesus La Cruz, Carlos Marchena, Carlos Puyol, Ivan Ayala, David Albelda, Xavier "Xavi" Hernandez, Toni Velamazan (sub: Gabriel "Gabri", 26"), Miguel Angel (Capdevila, 24"), Jose Mari Romero, David Fernan (Ferron, 48")

CAMEROON: Carlos Kamem; Patricia Abanda, Aaron Ngumbat (Daniel Ngon, 46"), Serge Branco (Joel Epalle, 91"), Serge Mingo; Nicolas Aloudi (Albert Meyong, 110"), Geremi, Laureen, Pierre Wome; Samuel Eto', Patrick Mboma.

Referee: Felipe Ramos Rizo, Mexico.

Football

facts

SYDNEY, Sept 30 (Reuters):

The overall attendance for the Olympic soccer tournament topped one million when 98,212 attended the final between Cameroon and Spain on Saturday taking the total attendance to 1,069,250 for the whole competition.

The crowd for the final was the largest at any of the 32 matches in the men's competition, or for the games in the women's event not played as curtain raisers before the men's games.

The previous highest attendance was the 93,252 who saw Italy beat Australia 1-0 on the opening day of the competition at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 13.

The lowest crowd was 12,753 who saw South Korea beat Morocco 1-0 at the Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on September 17.

Every match produced a goal. In all 103 were scored in the tournament - not including the goals scored in penalty shoot outs between the United States and Japan and the final shootout between Cameroon and Spain.

Chile were top scorers with 14, with their Inter Milan striker Ivan Zamorano finishing as the top individual scorer with six goals.

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After Jose Mari's exit, Spain were left to defend for almost all the extra time period and although both sides went desperately close to scoring, the decisive goal never came.

"This is absolutely wonderful," said their coach Jean-Paul Akno afterwards.

The spirit was fantastic, the players never conceded even when they were 2-0 down."

Lauren, who grew up in Spain and played for Real Mal-

STANDINGS

SYDNEY, Sept 30 (Reuters): Final classification in the men's Olympic soccer tournament according to the official rankings decided by penalty shootouts counted as drawn:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	
1. Cameroon	6	3	3	0	11	8	- Gold
2. Spain	6	4	1	1	12	6	- Silver
3. Chile	6	5	0	1	14	6	- Bronze
4. US	6	1	3	2	9	11	
5. Italy	4	2	1	1	5	3	
6. Japan	4	2	0	2	6	5	
7. Brazil	4	1	2	1	8	10	
8. Nigeria	3	2	0	1	2	3	
9. South Korea	3	1	1	1	6	7	
10. Honduras	3	1	0	2	5	5	
11. South Africa	3	1	0	2	6	8	
12. Kuwait	3	1	0	2			