



Diving off!

World Cup referees on Sunday vowed to crack down on players who orchestrate and feign fouls to get opponents in trouble. Emirati referee Ali Bujsaim, who will take control of the opening match between defending champions France and Senegal on Friday, said he had been told to set the tone for the tournament.

"It is a great honour to get the first match," said the immigration officer from Dubai. "But it will be a great responsibility to put across the FIFA message to all the teams."

Bujsaim, who will be in his third World Cup finals, equalling the FIFA record, said he had been told to get tough from the opening match in Seoul.

The aim is to catch players who pretend to have been fouled to win a penalty or get an opponent booked or sent off, a practice which FIFA diplomatically calls 'simulation,' but is more widely known as diving.

FIFA development director George Cumming, who coordinates referee training, said the clamp-down on cheats would be a major focus for this World Cup.

"We think that simulation is a major problem in the game," Cumming told AFP. "They are not just trying to cheat the referees, they are also trying to cheat the game of football."

Offenders will get an automatic yellow card and in many cases will be ordered off.

While South American players admit that they take a different attitude to the practice than their European counterparts, Bujsaim said all teams would be treated equally.

"We look at all teams the same way and we will treat the fouls according to each case," said Bujsaim.

PHOTO: AFP
GEARING UP: Superstar Rivaldo controls the ball on his chest during a training session at Ulsan yesterday.

Working on 'R-Force'

hoping he starts playing like he does at Barcelona... also is on the mend from a knee injury.

Rivaldo and Ronaldo both looked relaxed Monday in practice at Mipo Field, joking with reporters and a group of fans.

"I've recovered completely," Rivaldo said. "I feel no pain whatsoever in the knee and I will be 100 percent physically this week. I am sure I will be ready for the match against Turkey."

Ronaldo has said he cannot wait for the World Cup to start after breaking his international goal drought.

It was the twice World Player of the Year's first goal in a full international since a friendly against Argentina in September 1999.

And Ronaldo believes that Brazil's front three of himself, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho promises lots of goals in the World Cup.

He said: "It is a trio that is going to cause a lot of headaches to opponents. We have a lot of quality."

"I am sure that if we are at our best, we will always be worth a goal head start."

"We will play great football in the World Cup."

He added: "To score always brings me happiness, I am happy to have scored another and happy with the performance of the team."

"I am dying for the World Cup to start. I want to play football, it is what I know how to do."

"I'm feeling better and better in every practice," Ronaldo said. "And I'm hoping to use my experience from the past World Cup in France."

All Brazil hopes for the same thing.

Final: Brazil v Cameroon!

It is apparently in the cards that giants Brazil will win an unprecedented fifth World Cup next month by defeating African upstarts Cameroon 3-1 in the championship match.

At least that was the prediction of Thai fortune teller Bancha Lerthanu, who along with several other mystics was offering his opinions in Thai newspapers Sunday ahead of tournament kick-off in South Korea on May 31.

"Cameroon will be the dark horse in this World Cup, while Thailand's favourite team, England, will have difficulty getting to the second round because (fellow Group F teams) Argentina and Sweden will have better luck," Bancha told the Siam Sport daily.

Not true, says Katha Chinbanchon, a famed tarot-card reader and fortune teller.

"If Portugal doesn't lose in the quarter-finals, they will go through to the final, while Brazil is not likely to make it to the semi-finals," he told the Daily News, which printed detailed predictions of several fortune-tellers.

Katha said the Italians would not impress in the early stages of the 32-team tournament.

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Chinese being realistic

Turkey in Group C, many of them paying more than an average year's income for a one-match package.

Hundreds of millions more will be glued to television sets from the teeming megalopolis of Beijing and Shanghai to the plateaux and deserts of Tibet and Xinjiang.

For them, China's World Cup appearance represents a giant step in the nation's relentless quest for superpower status after decades of political instability and economic backwardness.

For the rest of the world, especially soccer clubs and multinational corporations, it gives a taste of the enormous talent pool and marketing potential for football in the world's most populous nation.

It is an enormous burden to place on the shoulders of the nervous young squad who arrived in the city of Sogwipo on Sunday "looking tired" after their 2-0 defeat by Portugal in a warm-up match in Macau the night before, Chinese state media said.

But China's Serbian coach, Bora Milutinovic, sounded upbeat during a training session.

"As usual we are focusing on defence," he said. "We are preparing for the first match and the condi-

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PHOTO: AFP
FALLING ALREADY? China coach Bora Milutinovic takes a tumble while goal-keeper An Qi finds it amusing during practice at Seogwipo yesterday.

Collina's major challenge

midfielder dismissed.

And in 1986 Argentine legend Diego Maradona infamously scored the "hand of God" goal that helped his side to a 2-1 win over England.

Maradona later confessed he handled the ball and that it felt wonderful, like "stealing an Englishman's wallet".

Collina appears well-qualified to deal with any problems this time around.

He has been voted the best referee in the world four times and bookmakers have installed him as favourite to officiate in the World Cup final.

His bald head makes him one of the game's most recognisable figures and he is a celebrity in his own right in Italy.

The linesmen for the Group F match are Canada's Hector Vergara and Mohamed Saeed of the Maldives while Brian Hall of the United States was named fourth official.

INTERNET

Italian Pierluigi Collina will referee the potentially volatile World Cup match between England and Argentina on 7 June.

Collina is widely regarded as the finest referee in the world and was voted referee of the tournament at Euro 2000.

The match promises to be the most attractive in Group F and could be a highly-charged encounter.

Previous World Cup clashes between the countries have been controversial.

David Beckham was sent off when the teams met in the second round of the 1998 competition after kicking out at Diego Simeone.

The Argentine midfielder recently admitted he deliberately over-reacted to get the England

ROK-and-roll

lack of experience.

We are now able to control games but we have to be realistic. If you don't experience high level games every week you have a tendency when you are doing well to get overexcited. If we have a fault it is to overplay and that is down to lack of experience and lack of big games.

Hiddink said South Korea were still the fourth ranked of the four teams in Group D, which also includes Portugal, Poland and the United States. "But we have closed in on the rest of the world and honestly have a chance to reach the second round," he insisted.

Other coaches have jealously seen Hiddink have the luxury of having most of his squad in a training camp since January.

"This is not a national side, it is a club side," said Scotland's new coach Berti Vogts after Scotland lost 4-1 in South Korea earlier this month. England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said the Koreans could be one of the "surprises" of the World Cup after his side were held to a 1-1

Republic of Korea finally came aight with World Cup fever on Monday after the national team's brave performance against defending champions France.

Despite losing to a last minute Franck Leboeuf goal on Sunday, the team made front page news in all newspapers, even bashing baseball off the front of sports dailies.

Thousands of fans crowded around big screens set up in major cities across the country to watch the match which France finally won 3-2. World Cup stadiums have suddenly become major tourist attractions.

"Did you see the majestic Koreans horrifying France," said the Daily Sports across its front page.

Others highlighted growing hopes that South Korea will win a



PHOTO: AFP
SECURITY SAME FOR EVERYONE! A South Korean child mimics his father as they go through a security check at the World Cup stadium in Seogwipo on May 25.

match at the World Cup finals for the first time in its history and even reach the second round -- the target given to Dutch coach Guus Hiddink.

"Look, Koreans going to second round" said a Sports Seoul headline. "South Korea's confidence is building up," declared the Dong-A Ilbo, one of the major general newspapers. "South Korea's hopes growing" said the rival Chosun Ilbo.

With tickets selling slower than in Japan, organisers have been looking to the national side to start playing to boost sales. The Korean Football Association is desperate not to see the country become only the second in World Cup history not to reach the second round.

Hiddink is more confident with every match that South Korea meet national expectations. But he said after Sunday's work that it has been hard work since he took over in January last year.

"You can see in the matches we have played that day-by-day we are becoming better technically."

"It had to come, honestly, it was chaos before then," he declared.

"We have moved forward quickly in the last few months. We have reached a good point in a short space of time. But we still have a

French coach Roger Lemerre also paid tribute to South Korea, who belied their 40th place in the FIFA rankings to lead France 2-1 at one stage in Sunday's match.

"Korea showed a lot of fighting spirit and at times were magnificent," Lemerre said. "They have the ability to take on teams of quality like France."

Keane loves McCarthy's guts

REUTERS, London

Roy Keane has admitted Republic of Ireland coach Mick McCarthy was right to sack him from the World Cup squad.

Keane, however, told the Daily Mail that he did not regret his row with McCarthy, saying he had been angered by the poor training facilities on the Pacific island of Saipan.

"I don't regret what I said, but at the same time I agree that Mick had to send me home," he told the newspaper.

"A player cannot speak to a manager like that and continue to work under him. Of that charge,

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PHOTO: AFP
HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL: Pierluigi Collina (R), the popular Italian referee speaking with a colleague at Seoul on May 25.

Round 4, Draw in Sylhet

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 - Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
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 - Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
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Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

- Bangladesh first played in qualifiers for the World Cup of 1982 1986 1990
- Pele's debut World Cup was in 1954 1958 1970
- France won 1998 World Cup under the captaincy of Deschamps Zidane Desailly
- Which player scored most goals in a World Cup Pele Fontaine Maradona
- Who is this?  Figo Beckham Batistuta

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