



PHOTO: AFP
WE'LL TAKE THE REAL ONE, YOU CAN HAVE THIS! A Brazilian fan offers a replica of the World Cup trophy to Korean security policemen ahead of the World Cup Group C game between Brazil and Turkey at Ulsan yesterday.

Hair-raising hairdos

AFP, Seoul

The World Cup is proving a real hair-raising affair with fashion-conscious David Beckham and the trend-setting Taribo West leading the way in the style stakes.

England captain Beckham, who has changed his hairstyle as often as he has scored screaming free kicks, sported a dyed semi-mohican style in the match against Sweden.

Beckham, who has had plenty of time to scan the fashion magazines while recovering from his foot injury, was outdone by Freddie Ljungberg of Sweden whose dyed-red hair has made him such a noticeable figure at Arsenal.

Nigerian West, who plays in Germany with Kaiserslautern, looked like he had just arrived from Mars with two dreadlocked antenna sticking horn-like from his head. And to top of it, there were green

and white ribbons attached.

The more sober Christian Ziege of Germany looked particularly menacing with his mohican cut, a look made famous by Hollywood star Robert De Niro in the classic movie 'Taxi Driver'.

Cameroon coach Winfried Schafer meanwhile, has his blond hair in a striking bouffant style.

And there are still some impressively-credentialed entrants to enter the World Cup coiffure contest. South Korea's Kim Byung-il, renowned for his ever-changing hairstyle and somewhat erratic goalkeeping, is probably favourite for the overall title as he has made some startling tonsorial statements in his career.

Teammate Ahn Jung-hwan, a pin up for millions of Korean girls, could also surprise by taking the field with a new style to please

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PHOTO: AFP
TEQUILA TAKE-OFF! Two Mexican youngsters share an intimate moment during their team's Group G match against Croatia at Niigata yesterday.

Emotional Emerson

REUTERS, Ulsan

Captain Emerson, considered the hard man of the Brazil team, was close to tears on Monday and said he was "hurting inside" after being forced out of the World Cup through a bizarre injury.

"This is really very difficult, this hurts, it hurts inside," said the midfielder, speaking less than 24 hours after dislocating his shoulder when playing as goalkeeper in a light-hearted training game.

"I'm sad. It's a very difficult situation. You only know how much it hurts

"When something has to happen, it happens...you can fall down the stairs and get hurt. It could have happened to any player but it happened to me.

"I'll just have to lift my head up and think of the future.

"When it happened I never thought I would have to leave the Brazil team, you never think the worst. I just thought about whether I would be able to play today (Monday).

"Afterwards in the dressing room, the doctor was very sincere, in fact he was a bit tough, but he gave it to me

JAPAN VS BELGIUM Will Rising Sun rise?

REUTERS, Mori

Co-hosts Japan will be on their guard against Belgian counter-attacks but it is the huge expectation of home fans that poses the biggest problem in their World Cup opener in Saitama on Tuesday.

Japan coach Philippe Troussier is acutely aware that no host country has failed to reach the second round of the World Cup and fans will expect a vast improvement on the 1998 campaign when Japan lost all three first round games in France.

Since Japan's 1-1 draw in a friendly with Sweden last weekend, the side have been hit by an injury scare over playmaker Shinji Ono.

But Ono is expected to start on the left of midfield after worries over appendicitis while Troussier looks set to gamble on striker Akinori

Nishizawa who had his appendix removed last month.

Troussier could opt for caution on the right side of midfield by bringing in Tomokazu Myojin to check the runs of wide man Bart Goor.

"Belgium are extremely effective from set pieces and they attack with real speed," defender Ryuzo Morioka said.

"We know all about (Marc) Wilmots too. He will be a handful to mark, so we know that we can't afford to lose concentration for a moment against them," he said.

With both sides adopting a 3-5-2 system, control of the midfield will be crucial and Hidetoshi Nakata needs to reproduce the form he showed in the 2-0 win over Poland in March if Japan are to come away set to gamble on three points.

Johan Walem, who operates in a similar attacking midfield role for Belgium, will be a potential match-winner if the Japanese defenders allow him time on the ball.

Japan are all too aware of the aerial threat of Belgium forwards Gert Verheyen and Wilmots after the experience of losing 3-0 to Norway.

Zidane jittery

REUTERS, Seoul

France playmaker Zinedine Zidane will not play against Uruguay unless he has fully recovered from a thigh injury, the player was quoted as saying on Monday.

"I am working hard and hope I will be able to make it, but if I am not right I am not going to fool anyone and it would be better that a fully fit team mate plays," he told Spanish sports daily Marca.

"France have won a lot of matches without me and without other players too."

France must beat the South Americans to put their World Cup hopes back on track after their shock 1-0 defeat by African world Cup newcomers Senegal in

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PHOTO: INTERNET
SHATTERED! A visibly crestfallen Emerson (L) leaves a press conference with Brazil team general manager Americo Faria at Ulsan yesterday.

when it happens."

Emerson, who has taken over the captaincy under coach Luiz Felipe Scolari in the last year, was told in the dressing room by team doctor Jose Luis Runco that he would need a month to recover and was therefore out of the tournament.

straight. Afterwards, I spoke to my team-mates, the only thing I said was that if I can't play, I will stay

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PROBABLE TEAMS

Japan: (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi, 3-Naoki Matsuda, 4-Ryuzo Morioka, 16-Koji Nakata, 20-Tomokazu Myojin, 5-Junichi Inamoto, 21-Kazuyuki Toda, 7-Hidetoshi Nakata, 18-Shinji Ono; 9-Akinori Nishizawa, 13-Atsushi Yanagisawa

Belgium (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Geert De Vlieger, 16-Daniel Van Buyten, 3-Glen De Boeck, 5-Nico Van Kerckhoven; 15-Jacky Peeters, 18-Yves Vanderhaeghe, 6-Timmy Simons, 10-Johan Walem, 8-Bart Goor; 7-Marc Wilmots, 11-Gert Verheyen

Referee: William Mattus (Costa Rica)



PHOTO: AFP
SO RELAXED ALREADY? Argentine national team players (L-R) Roberto Bonano, Gabriel Batistuta, Gustavo Lopez, Pablo Cavallero share a light moment during a period of relaxation at Iwasawa beach in Japan yesterday.

TVangle

SHAYAN KHAN

The first 'big' day of the World Cup. And it certainly lived up to expectations. Argentina's midfield showed why they are so hotly tipped to lift the trophy on June 30th. If the strikers had taken their chances, and the Nigerian goalkeeper Ike Shorunmu had not been so brilliant, the scoreline could have been quite embarrassing for the Africans. It was nice to see Batistuta score. The Lion King had a difficult season with Roma and seemed to have taken his poor form into the World Cup at first, but he came up with an expert header on the goal. The trio of Ortega, Veron and Zanetti were electric.

South Africa and Paraguay came up with more entertainment than most thought they were capable of. The South Americans will feel they

were unlucky, since, in general, they looked to have more ideas than Bafana Bafana. But the South Africans stuck to it, never giving up, and probably got a deserved point in the end for their efforts. The penalty call in the end, well, let's just say we've seen penalties not given for far worse challenges. Credit to Fortune for keeping his head in such a tense situation. And how about that freekick from Chiqui Arce? Class.

England versus Sweden was certainly a game of two halves. Sweden lacked lustre in the first period, as England settled quicker. Campbell's header was a perfect example of how to attack the ball on set-pieces. Eriksson's young brigade were playing with a lot of confidence, particularly Vassell, Hargreaves


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Round 4, Draw in Sylhet on June 7

(See May 28 issue of The Daily Star for competition information, prizes and rules)

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Tick (Ö) 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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