

ASHAMED OF BEING THERE! A fan covers his head with a bag while another looks downwards in an empty part of Gwangju Stadium in South Korea where China were playing Costa Rica yesterday.

GERMANY VS IRELAND

Gritty guys' game

REUTERS, Ibaraki

Still glowing from their record-breaking 8-0 defeat of Saudi Arabia, Germany are confident they can extend their superb start to the World Cup against Ireland on Wednesday.

The triple world champions will make sure of reaching the round of 16 if they win their second group E match against a side still chewing over the sending-home of captain Roy Keane.

"We realise that Ireland will be a lot tougher than Saudi Arabia but I am convinced we will take the opportunity we have to qualify," assistant Germany coach Michael Skibbe said on Monday.

Ireland started with a gritty 1-1 draw against Cameroon on Saturday and are showing a defiant face to the outside world following the pre-tournament furore over Keane.

"Why should we be afraid after we have come through a group containing Holland and Portugal, who are by all accounts stronger than Germany are at the moment?" asked Ireland coach Mick McCarthy, referring to his team's brilliant run in qualifying.

"We will give them the respect they deserve but when the game

kicks off that respect will go."

Germany head coach Rudi Voeller said he had been impressed by Ireland's spirited performance against Cameroon and he played down the significance of the Germans' biggest World Cup win at the expense of a dismal Saudi Arabia side.

"The only thing that matters is that we picked up three points against a team who will probably end the tournament with none," he said.

Germany and Liverpool's Dietmar Hamann, who knows most of the Irish players from premier league experience, said the fact that Keane had gone home would play in Germany's favour.

"The absence of such a vital player is bound to have some effect sooner or later," said Hamann.

Voeller has a full squad to choose from for the third all-European game of the finals.

Marko Rehmer, who was on the bench on Saturday because of a groin injury, has been able to train normally since the game while fellow defender Carsten Ramelow was also reported to be fully fit after hurting a thigh muscle against Saudi Arabia.

Rehmer could come in for Christoph Metzelder but otherwise, Voeller is unlikely to change the starting formation he fielded against Saudi Arabia.

Michael Ballack, recapturing his best form after nursing a sore foot, will orchestrate play while Miroslav Klose, who fired the third hat-trick of

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PROBABLE TEAMS

Germany (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Oliver Kahn; 3-Marko Rehmer, 5-Carsten Ramelow, 2-Thomas Linke; 22-Torsten Frings, 8-Dietmar Hamann, 19-Bernd Schneider, 13-Michael Ballack, 6-Christian Ziege; 11-Miroslav Klose, 9-Carsten Jancker.

Ireland (Formation 4-4-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Shay Given; 18-Gary Kelly, 14-Gary Breen, 5-Steve Staunton, 3-Ian Harte; 7-Jason McAteer, 8-Matt Holland, 12-Mark Kinsella, 11-Kevin Kilbane; 9-Damien Duff, 10-Robbie Keane.

Referee: Kim Milton Nielsen (Denmark)

Japan, please

REUTERS, Naraha

Diego Maradona has asked Japan to reconsider its refusal to allow him entry to watch Argentina in the World Cup finals.

"Japan could review the situation," an Argentine source close to the former Argentina captain said on Tuesday.

"Maradona is less hurt about the (number 10) shirt than the (so far) unsuccessful visa negotiations," he said.

Japan refused Maradona entry because of his past history of

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Jailbreak

AP, Sao Paulo

Two prisoners were killed as they attempted to escape a jail during Brazil's World Cup match with Turkey on Monday.

At least 17 prisoners escaped through a tunnel at about 6:30 a.m., a half-hour after Brazil's first World Cup game began, Sao Paulo police said.

During the escape, a group of men opened fire from outside

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Voeller's seen it all

REUTERS, Kwangju

More than 30 coaches are trying to inspire, goad and cajole their teams towards the World Cup final on June 30 but only one of them knows how it feels to lift the trophy as a player.

Rudi Voeller was part of the German side, which lifted the trophy in 1990 and was also a runner-up four years earlier.

Of all the coaches at the 2002 World Cup, he was perhaps the most successful on the pitch and remains his country's second highest goalscorer behind the great Gerd Mueller.

But some of his rivals were no slouches either.

Denmark's Morten Olsen won 102 caps as an elegant sweeper, while his assistant Michael Laudrup was perhaps the greatest Danish player of all time.

Spain's Jose Antonio Camacho won 81 caps at the heart of his country's defence and played in two World Cups.

He also enjoyed a glittering club career, making over 400 appearances for Real Madrid between 1973 and 1989 and winning several Spanish league titles.

The Italians are best known for

their club careers.

Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni played for 14 years at AC Milan while compatriot Cesare Maldini, now coach of Paraguay, spent 12 years at the same club, winning four league titles and captaining them to the European Cup glory in 1963.

Maldini was on the bench as an assistant to Enzo Bearzot when Italy conquered the world in 1982 but never won soccer's greatest prize as a player, while Portuguese coach Antonio Oliveira played for his country 24 times.

Srecko Katanec represented the old Yugoslav side 35 times and France coach Roger Lemerre played six times for his country.

Only five coaches at this World Cup were at the last one and none of them are with the same team.

Maldini coached Italy last time round before switching to Paraguay, Ecuador's Hernan Dario Gomez was with his native Colombia in 1998 and China coach Bora Milutinovic was in charge of Nigeria.

The coaches of the two co-host nations -- South Korea's Guus Hiddink and Japan's Philippe

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THIS IS MY BALL! Germany coach Rudi Voeller (L) carries a ball while midfielder Christian Ziege looks on during practice at Ibaraki yesterday.



IRREPRESSIBLE SUZUKI: Japan's Takayuki Suzuki about to score his team's first goal against Belgium at Saitama yesterday.

TVangle

SHAYAN KHAN

What was all that talk about this being a 'fair' World Cup? Disciplined players? Sporting individuals? Model professionals? Think again.

This was a day of controversy at the World Cup. It did start off quite slowly. Mexico versus Croatia was probably the most boring game of the tournament so far. However it did give us a first sighting of that inevitable talking point: A referee flashing a red card. To make things worse for the player who got it, Boris Zivkovic of Croatia, it was accompanied by a penalty. Really, you could see no other way the deadlock could have been broken between the two teams, because they both showed a distinct lack of creativity in open play. Blanco was never going to miss with a run up like that.

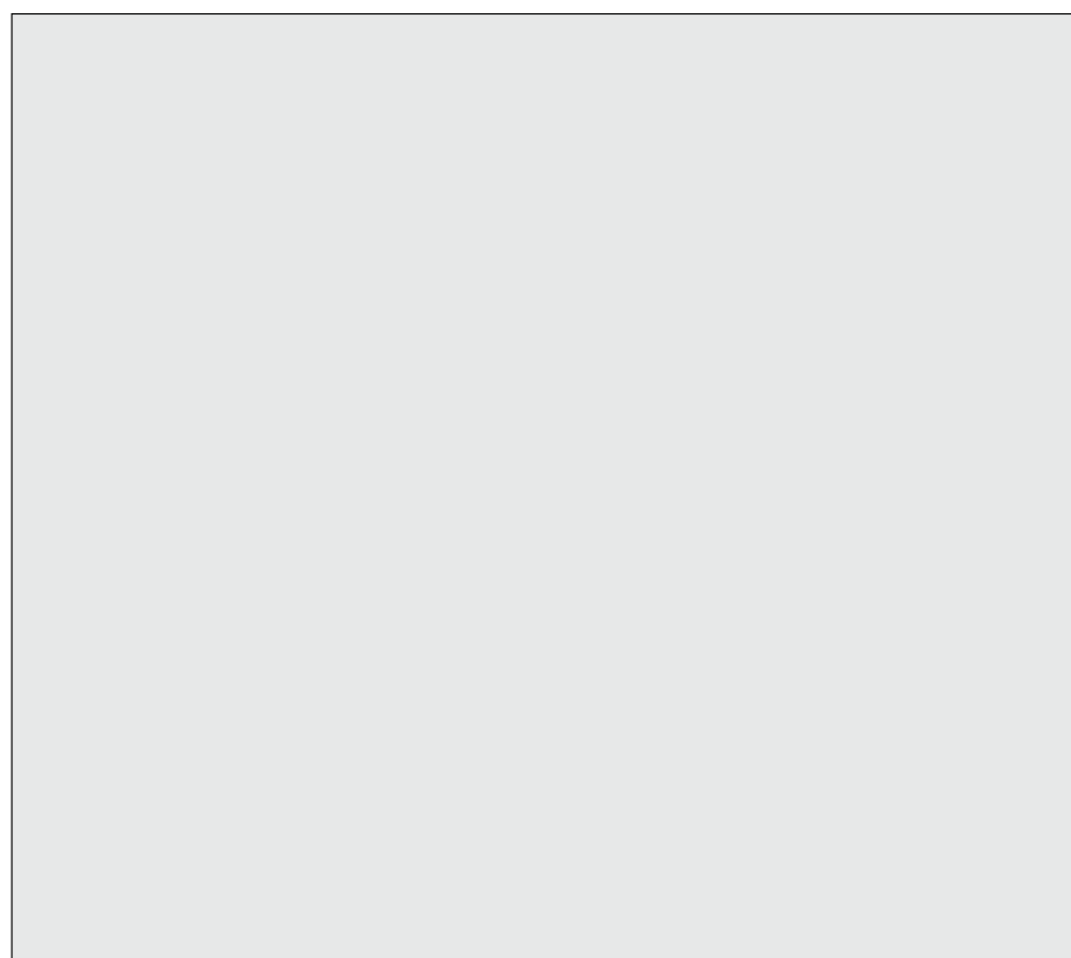
Next up, just to make up for the boring affair earlier in the day, we got the game of the tournament so far. Samba football was dead I hear? I think not. Brazil's performance against Turkey was full of exuberance, style and flair. Ronaldo looked

different class, and he will get even better as the tournament goes on. Rivaldo was constantly a threat, and Denilson lit up the pitch in his 25-minute cameo. Scolari's decision to go with three forwards was fully justified. The defence looked fragile at times, but credit must be given to the enterprising Turks. Hasan Sas was as good as any player on the field, and scored a great goal. Gilberto Silva was always going to be under extra scrutiny as the replacement for Emerson, but he came through the test with his reputation intact, complementing the exciting Juninho perfectly with his calming presence in midfield. However, despite all that, the fact remains that Brazil won it by virtue of a dubious penalty. The foul on Luizao was clearly committed outside the box. It did deserve a card, but it was definitely not a penalty. Anyway, Rivaldo doesn't miss penalties, and duly put it away to win the game. However, the great man disgraced himself

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OLE LATINO: Some Costa Rica supporters perform their traditional dance at Gwangju yesterday before the start of the match against China.



Round 4, Draw in Sylhet on June 7

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

The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 4 Ends June 6, 2002

Tick (Ö) the correct answers

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2. Pele's debut World Cup was in	<input type="checkbox"/>	1954	<input type="checkbox"/>	1958	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. France won 1998 World Cup under the captaincy of Deschamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zidane	<input type="checkbox"/>	Desailly	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Which player scored most goals in a World Cup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pele	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fontaine	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Who is this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Figo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beckham	<input type="checkbox"/>

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