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SEEKING IS BELIEVING: Thousands of Koreans flock the street corners of Seoul's Gwang-Hwa mun district to watch their national side in action on a giant screen on June 4.

# Oriental stimulation

**REUTERS, undated**  
The ears are still ringing, the neck hairs are still on end, the mind is still well and truly boggled.  
Asian-style soccer mania washed over the World Cup when fans of co-hosts South Korea and Japan revealed the astonishing intensity of their passion for the game on Tuesday.  
Those in the stadiums at Pusan and Saitama witnessed a unique brand of ordered hysteria that taught the traditional soccer hotbeds of

Europe and South America a thing or two about supporting your team.  
To the uninitiated it was an intoxicating, uplifting experience as wave after wave of positive energy pulsed around the arenas.  
The fans' fervour communicated itself to the players on the pitch, and South Korea's 2-0 win over Poland and Japan's thrilling 2-2 draw with Belgium have dispelled fears that the home teams at Asia's first World Cup could get steam-rollered.  
Pusan stadium was a cauldron of deafening noise throughout South Korea's impressive victory. As a

result, the home side appeared to have far more energy than the Poles.  
The locals had been counting down to the game from the day six years ago they were awarded co-hosting rights. Most of those lucky enough to have tickets ensured they were safely in their seats at least an hour before kick-off.  
Performing almost in perfect unison, the 50,000 supporters created a sea of red, bobbing and sway

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# Fakers' alert

**REUTERS, Yokohama**

Increased expertise with free kicks up to 30 metres from goal is a key factor behind the FIFA clampdown on player theatrics, which resulted in a fine for Brazil's Rivaldo on Wednesday.  
Rivaldo, a former world player of the year, was fined 10,000 Swiss francs (6,390 dollars) for collapsing and clutching his face after a ball kicked by Turkey's Hakan Unsal hit him in the legs in Monday's World Cup group match.  
The world governing body has instructed referees to act swiftly against players who throw themselves dramatically to the ground in an attempt to claim a penalty or a free kick when they know they have not been fouled.  
"More of the world's players, and especially coaches, train to cheat the referees with simulated fouls," said referees' committee member Volker Roth of Germany.  
"They try to simulate fouls because now players are able to score with a free kick from 25 metres."  
Italy's Pierluigi Collina, named the best referee in the world for the fourth time last January, said policing the divers among the 32 teams at the month-long finals was the most challenging task facing the 36 World Cup referees.  
"We cannot continue to have such behaviour on the field, not only

towards the referee but also towards the opponent because it's not fair to win a match only because of diving or a penalty got by simulation," he said. "It is very, very bad behaviour."  
Danish referee Kim Nielsen added: "We have so many free kick experts in football today -- (Roberto) Carlos from Brazil, (David) Beckham from England. Winning a free kick can be very important."  
The world governing body FIFA gave referees the authority three years ago to award yellow cards for diving and this year will automatically video-review every decision for that particular offence after each World Cup match.  
Roth concedes that the viewer at home gets the chance to see endless replays of controversial decisions while the referee must make an instant decision.  
"We don't blame the referee at all," he said. "They can make a mistake."  
Poll said all a referee could do was his best in every situation. "You haven't got time to think," he said. "You act in the best way."  
Other sports, notably both of the rugby codes and cricket, have introduced off-field referees who can make decisions based on as many video replays as they need.  
Poll said he was not worried that viewers might get a better view than

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# Perplexed Portugal

**AFP, Lisbon**

Football-mad Portugal was swept by a wave of disappointment following a surprise defeat to the United States in its World Cup debut that left many fans shaking their heads in disbelief.  
"The prey caught the hunter," said online portal Clix in a headline above a photograph of Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo looking disheartened after his squad was beaten 3-2 by the United States.  
"Portugal began its participation in the World Cup in the worse possible way," said online daily Diario Digital.  
The USA stunned the technically superior Portuguese side when they surged into a 3-0 lead after only 36 minutes of the first half.  
"The Portuguese squad began the game badly, suffering three goals right away and woke up too late," said private radio TSF on its website.  
Expectations have been running high that Portugal, which made it to the semi-finals at Euro 2000 before going out to the reigning European champions France, will achieve its best performance yet at a World Cup this year.  
Most members of the public had predicted an easy victory for the Portuguese, who are playing in their first World Cup since 1986.  
"I believe this is the easiest game of this phase. If we don't win this

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PHOTO: AFP

THIS IS NOT HAPPENING! A stunned Portugal fan can't believe her eyes as the USA score goal after goal at Suwon yesterday.

# Tvangle

**SHAYAN KHAN**

This was supposed to be Asia's big day. It wasn't a huge success, but in the end, the continent's image was at least restored.  
China weren't the ones to do it though. They did look in control of their game against Costa Rica, until Ronald Gomez delivered the killer blow just after the hour mark, combining well with his more illustrious striker partner Paulo Wanchope before putting the ball in the back of the net. And before the Chinese had recovered from that blow, they found themselves two down. Gomez was the provider this time, as Mauricio Wright found himself in acres of space to head home. The marking was non-existent. Chinese heads clearly dropped after that, and they will be left ruing the fact that even when they were the dominant side in the game they could not create enough chances for their forwards.  
Japan are probably Asia's best bet to do something big in this World Cup. Their performance against Belgium was encouraging, but it threw up some questions as well.

Philippe Troussier prides himself on having built his side around a strong, organised defence. But against Belgium, on both the goals they conceded, the defence could have done better. First, the ball should never have found its way through to Wilmots for the game's first goal after 57 minutes of roughly level pegging between the two sides. Japan came back immediately though, Suzuki finishing with aplomb after receiving a wonderful ball from the excellent Junichi Inamoto. Inamoto may have spent most of his season with Arsenal on the bench, but certainly didn't show any signs of lacking match practice against the Belgians. And it was he who scored the next goal after a wonderful burst from midfield to put the Japanese 2-1 up. The co-hosts must have been having visions of paradise after that, and it showed when Belgium scored their equaliser. Van der Heyden broke a poorly co-ordinated offside trap and

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## DENMAK VS SENEGAL

# A Lions' Dane?

**REUTERS, Taegu**  
Senegal will put their new-found fame on the line on Thursday against Denmark after their stunning World Cup debut win over world champions France.  
The Lions of west Africa confounded all predictions and Friday's first half goal from Papa Bouba Diop sent shockwaves around the world. Despite losing the surprise factor used to such great effect in toppling France, their dynamism in attack, power in midfield and solidity at the back will have been noted by the Danes who also started their campaign with a win, 2-1 over Uruguay.

"We are not afraid of Denmark. All World Cup teams are very good and we need to watch out," said Senegal midfielder Khalidou Fadiga, accused and later exonerated of stealing a gold necklace in a South Korean jewellery shop before the tournament started.  
"We just need to play well in this match as we did before."  
Striker Amara Traore, the veteran of the team at 36, added, "Denmark are a good team but we are very strong," while Bouba Diop said: "It is like usual, we don't feel much pressure."  
Bruno Metsu's side are fretting on the fitness of captain and centre-

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PHOTO: AFP

DANCE AND BE MERRY: The Senegal squad goes through a warm-up routine at Daegu Stadium yesterday ahead of their Group A match against Denmark.

# 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

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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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