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READ MY CHEST! A Danish supporter declares France's departure even before the start of the crucial Group A clash at Incheon yesterday.

## SPAIN VS SOUTH AFRICA Pressure on Bafana Bafana

REUTERS, Taejon

Spain coach Jose Antonio Camacho is considering making five changes to his already-qualified side for their final group B match against South Africa on Wednesday.

But he has warned his opponents not to expect an easy ride in a match where a draw would be a good result for both, taking Spain through as group winners and South Africa into the second round with them.

"The idea of us going out in search of anything other than a win is just absurd," Camacho said before the squad left their Ulsan training base.

"We wouldn't know how to play for a draw."

"There could be five changes but I'll be picking a team to beat South Africa. We'll have the same winning mentality as we did in the first match."

South Africa, second in the group with four points behind Spain on six, will reach the second round unless they lose and third-placed Paraguay, who have one point, overcome the African side's superior goal difference of three. Slovenia are out.

Camacho was impressed by the

way South Africa came back from two goals down in their first match against Paraguay to claim a draw.

"They're a very competitive side," Camacho said. "They did well to come back in that first game."

"They don't have the biggest reputation in the world game but they work hard and chase everything down. We'll have to work hard as well."

South Africa followed their draw against Paraguay with a 1-0 win over Slovenia, their first World Cup

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PHOTO: AFP

FIESTA ON MARTINEZ! Teammates having fun at the expense of Spanish star Luis Enrique Martinez during practice at Daejeon yesterday.

## ENGLAND VS NIGERIA Gate-crashing Eagles?

REUTERS, Osaka

England need only a point in Wednesday's final group F game with Nigeria to be sure of surviving the Group of Death in rude health.

With four points on the board after Friday's thrilling 1-0 win over Argentina, England should secure a place in the second round against a side already condemned to an early exit.

Manager Sven-Goran Eriksson has repeatedly warned England not to let their guard down against the Nigerians, who have played some wonderful football yet still been beaten twice.

"It would be very stupid and very dangerous," he said. "We have to treat it like a final."

"Nigeria have zero points but they have very good players and they can play football, there's no doubt about that."

On the injury front, Eriksson has been coping with a series of setbacks since April and Wednesday will be no different. Owen

Hargreaves's absence through injury has left him with just two midfielders in reserve.

Trevor Sinclair, who replaced Hargreaves on Friday, should start on the left side of midfield alongside Manchester United trio Paul Scholes, Nicky Butt and skipper David Beckham.

Nigeria striker Nwankwo Kanu is not expected to play after damaging ribs and an ankle in their opening defeat to Argentina.

However, as in the game against Sweden, he may yet make a substitute's appearance to pit his wits against his Arsenal team mates in the England defence, Ashley Cole and Sol Campbell.

England can afford to lose 1-0 on Wednesday provided Argentina, on three points, got no more than a 0-0 or 1-1 draw with group leaders Sweden in Miyagi.

It is all a far cry from the second half of England's 1-1 draw with Sweden, when they were compe

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ON ALL FOURS! England players (L-R) David James, Trevor Sinclair and Michael Owen share a light-hearted moment during practice at Osaka yesterday.

## Metsu magic

AFP, Incheon

French by birth but west African by adoption, Bruno Metsu backed the right horse at the World Cup after masterminding Senegal's passage into the second round on their debut at the finals.

As reigning champions France were eliminated after losing 2-0 to Denmark on Tuesday, Metsu can look forward to the knockout phase having led his men past the country of his birth in the opening game and then steering them to draws against Denmark and Uruguay.

The 48-year-old Metsu took over just 20 months ago - but under his tutelage Senegal have risen from being African also-rans to one of the continent's - and now the world's - best teams.

"It's really something extraordinary that we are through, showing we are one of the best 16 teams in

the world. This is a wonderful thing for African football," said Metsu after his men survived a furious second-half comeback to draw 3-3 with Uruguay after having led 3-0 at half-time.

"We played superbly in the first half. But their goal just after the restart hurt us and we lost our heads a bit and it turned into a heart-stopping encounter," said Metsu.

With all their first-choice players playing their trade in the French league - at least until their success alerted big clubs in England - Senegal could have been regarded by many as a France 'B' team.

But incredibly, and against the odds, they have turned out on this occasion to be better than the real thing.

Metsu trawled the whole of

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## TVangle

SHAYAN KHAN

What's wrong with Belgium? Pre-tournament favourites to win their group, they are now in real trouble of missing out. The draw against Japan may be excused, but the result against Tunisia was certainly unexpected to say the least. After the two early goals, one for each side, Tunisia did a good job of clos-

ing the game down, but surely the Belgians should have been able to attack more, despite the Tunisian defence's best efforts. What will worry Waseige, Belgium's coach, is how blunt his team looked in attack. The Africans will be cock-a-hoop with this result, since they would never have thought that going into their last game of the group phase, they would still have a chance of qualifying. They ultimately will not qualify though, since Japan look very good at the moment.

Group D is set up for a very tight finish after Monday's games. South Korea were unlucky not to beat the United States, missing a penalty in the first half, and wasting a host of opportunities in the second. They did look in trouble in periods though, especially after Mathis put the Americans ahead in the 24th minute, beating the offside trap, or rather being helped in beating it by the Korean defender on the far side who clearly wasn't in sync with the rest of his teammates in the backline. Korea seemed stung by that, and the US enjoyed a spell of possession. But on a set piece, something happened in the box and the referee awarded the Koreans a penalty in the 40th minute. Anyway, Lee missed the penalty, and poetic justice was served. In the second half, Korea continued to dominate, but they had to wait till the 78th minute for the goal to come. Ahn, the man who scored it, was probably the last person to know it had gone in. He probably didn't feel the ball just brushing the ends of his long locks. Korea pressed for the winner after that, and had it not been for a poor finish by Choi at the end, they would be making plans for the

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## Blank exit

AFP, Paris

France made history on Tuesday after becoming the first reigning world champions to be ousted from the World Cup without having scored a single goal.

Roger Lemerre's side were eliminated from the tournament after a 2-0 defeat to Denmark in their final Group A match. France also drew 0-0 with Uruguay and went down to a shock 1-0 defeat against debutants Senegal.

Embarrassingly for France, it is the first time in the tournament's 72-year history that the reigning champions have failed to score a goal before being eliminated.

Since the first World Cup in 1930, France thus become the 13th team overall to exit the World Cup goalless - the last being Greece during the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. In their first round phase Greece lost against Argentina (4-0), Bulgaria (4-0), and Nigeria (2-0).

France now join World Cup flops Belgium (1930), Bolivia (1950), Korea (1954), Scotland (1954), Mexico and Austria (1958), El


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## Round 5, Draw in Chittagong on June 21

(Competition information, prizes and rules on June 7 issue)

The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 5 Ends June 20, 2002

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- Record of most World Cup finals appearances goes to Joff  Matthaus  Milla
- Only country to play in every World Cup Argentina  Brazil  Germany
- Middle name of Diego Maradona is Alberto  Armando  Admundo
- Which WC final was decided in penalty shoot-out 1998  1994  1990
- Who is this?  Figo  Raul  Batistuta

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Father's name .....Occupation .....

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