The Daily Star

Croats crying

INTERNET, Yokohama

"We did not deserve to win this game", said Croatian forward Milan Rapaic being sad after 1-0 World Cup loss against Ecuador. Losing Thursday Croatia failed to pass in second round, despite a sensational victory last Saturday against

"I do not know what to say. We just did not play well. Ecuador deserved this victory", commented Fenerbahce's Milan Rapaic sharing sadness with other national team members.

Rapaic added Croatia had its chances but hasn't been able to realize them.

Croatian national team coach Mirko Jozic agreed:

"There was no concentration in most important moments of this match against Ecuador. We have repeated similar mistakes like we did in a first match against Mexico". Jozic also revealed Croatia

played better in a second half of a match against Ecuador, but failed to score due to "weak concentration".

Middlesbrough's striker Alen Boksic explained "there is not much to say after such a defeat".

"Simply we did not succeed. We tried, but Ecuador did it better. Well, it is not the end of the world. There will be another big events in the future and another opportunities for Croatian team that won bronze medal in France four years ago".

Picking up

FROM PAGE 16 shirt and to have pride in represent-

ing our country which identifies with this team. But the door closed on us in a manner we didn't deserve,' Veron said.

But if the Manchester United midfielder is unlikely to be headed for the scrapheap just yet elder statesmen such as 33-year-old Gabriel Batistuta have already played their final tournament in the light blue and white.

Bielsa had appeared to have whipped the side into shape as they romped through their regional qualifiers but defeat to England sank them.

He had hoped to emulate 1978 coach Cesar Menotti and 1986 leader Carlos Bilardo as the man to take Argentina to World Cup vicory. But whereas Daniel Passarella,

Osvaldo Ardiles and Mario Kempes proved world beaters in 1978 on home soil and Diego Maradona, Jorge Valdano and Oscar Ruggeri conjured a repeat eight years later Veron and company were unable to produce the magic out in Asia

This time around saw a team which had apparently not proaressed when the chips were down from the 1998 side which was a trifle unlucky to lose their quarterfinal to Holland. But even that run spelt the end of

saving a penalty, they're on the threshold of a knockout match in the the road for the coach. So it was that a subdued Veron, last 16 against either three-times

champions Italy. Croatia or Mexico. Batistuta, Juan Pablo Sorin,

One may prevail

BELGIUM VS RUSSIA

REUTERS, Shizuoka

Cast as the favourites to qualify from group H before the World Cup, Belgium and Russia face off in their final game on Friday knowing only one of them can progress to the last

The game is likely to be the last in charge for the losing coach. Belgium's Robert Waseige has

already announced he is stepping down to take over at Belgian club Standard Liege next season. Russian counterpart Oleg

Romantsev, who is also coach of Spartak Moscow, will almost certainly be forced out should Russia fail to qualify from one of the easiest groups in the tournament.

With three points to Belgium's two, Russia have the simpler task. They only need a draw to qualify having beaten Tunisia 2-0 in their opening game before losing 1-0 to Philippe Troussier's exuberant Japan side, a result that prompted riots in Moscow.

Romantsev is hoping to have playmaker Alexander Mostovoi fit again after nearly four weeks out with a hamstring injury.

His expected return should benefit teenagers Dmitry Sychev and Marat Izamilov, the only bright sparks so far for the Russians. "The pressure is growing and we

have to concentrate our minds more," said Russia's general manager Alexander Polinsky. "We have to fight and struggle

more actively on every segment of the pitch. We lacked determination against the Japanese "It's hard to see which team is the

strongest. I respect the Belgium team a lot. Friday's game will be Russia captain and defensive organiser

Viktor Onopko's 100th match for his ountry Dour Belgium, lucky to escape with a 2-2 draw against group lead-ers Japan, were held 1-1 by Tunisia

in their second game, a surprise result that has kept the group wide open. Waseige, a Francophone under

siege from a critical Flemish media, at least has the benefit of a fully fit squad from which to choose.

n't mean anything. You want to get

your pride back and a result, so we

have to prepare for that game and

we'll have a good chance if we

fortunes has been one of the

standouts in the first round of the

and defended skilfully and even

though they rode their luck against

the Koreans, with Brad Friedel

The turnaround in American

Under Arena, USA have attacked

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approach it that way.

2002 World Cup.

Americans stay focused

thigh injury.

this World Cup.

and experience will be handy.

great to have him back."

Swierczewski.

"It's a big game for us, we need a

point to get through, so when have

such experienced guys as Earnie it

can hopefully help the team. It'll be

Poland have been one of the

So with nothing at stake, Polish

pended midfielder Piotr

This could be Engel's last match in

charge, he himself acknowledging

this week that his side's dismal

the Russia defence, should lead the Defender Nico Van Kerckhoven has recovered from his thigh injury attack Experienced captain Marc and will return to his left-back role Central defender Glen De Boeck Wilmots, scorer of two goals already

and playing in his fourth World Cup, also suffered no reaction to his foot will be the man Russia have to injury in the Tunisia dame. watch most carefully. "I never said this was an easy With only a victory sufficient, group," said Waseige. "Maybe my Waseige will have to abandon his

players will try harder when they normal caution. Striker Wesley Sonck, whose pace could trouble know they have to win."



PHOTO: AFF Belgium coach Robert Waseige checks his watch before asking his charges to switch to another method of warm-up during their training session at the

PROBABLE TEAMS

Shizuoka Stadium yesterday.

Belgium: (Formation 4-4-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Geert De Vlieger; 2-Eric Deflandre, 3-Glen De Boeck, 16-Daniel Van Buyten, 5-Nico Van Kerckhoven; 11-Gert Verheyen, 6-Timmy Simons, 18-Yves Vanderhaeghe, 8-Bart Goor; 7-Marc Wilmots (captain), 9-Wesley Sonck. Russia: (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Ruslan Nigmatullin; 2-Yuri Kovtun, 7-Viktor Onopko (captain), 3-Yuri Nikiforov; 8-/alery Karpin, 10-Alexander Mostovoi, 9-Yegor Titov, 4-Alexei Smertin, 20-Marat Izamilov; 19-Ruslan Pimenov, 11-Vladimir Beschastnykh. Referee: Kim Milton Nielsen (Denmark)

Andersson blow for Sweden missing the Korean match with a AFP, Miyagi

Stewart, 32, is a veteran of three World Cups and may partner Reyna Swedish captain Patrik Andersson is out of the World Cup after failing to recover for the first time in the US midfield at from a hip injury incurred in training on "We understand each other the eve of his side's first match in Japan. The Barcelona defender will fly back pretty well and hopefully we can

to the Catalan city on Friday to seek play together as we haven't paired in treatment from the club's doctors in the the first two games," Reyna said. hope that he can be fit in time for the start "To have him back with his speed of the new Spanish season.

"Life is hard sometimes but I have to get this problem sorted out." a bitterlydisappointed Andersson told reporters here

Prisoners' WC!

WC STANDINGS AFP, Seoul World Cup tables after Thursday's

SPORT

matches AFP. Yokohama (Played, won, drawn, lost, for, against, points) GROUPA 3210527 Denmark Senegal Uruguay 3012031 France a 1-0 defeat against Ecuador. **GROUP B** 3 3 0 0 9 4 9 Spain 3 1 1 1 6 6 4 Paraguay South Africa $3\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 5\ 5\ 4$ $3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 2 \ 7 \ 0$ Slovenia **GROUP C** Brazil $3\ 3\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 3\ 9$ Turkey with Mexico. Costa Rica 3 0 0 3 0 9 0China spinning to defeat and were elimi-**GROUP D** nated along with bottom side Ecua-211031 South Korea dor after a goal from Edison Mendez on 48 minutes. United States 2110434 Portugal $2\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 6\ 3\ 3$ Poland 2 0 0 2 0 6 0**GROUPE** 3210117 Germany Ireland Cameroon Saudi Arabia GROUP F 3 1 2 0 4 3 5 Sweden 3 1 2 0 2 1 5 England Argentina 3 1 1 1 2 2 4 3012131 Nigeria **GROUP G** 3 2 1 0 4 2 7 Mexico $3\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 4\ 3\ 4$ Italy AFP, Oita Croatia 3 1 0 2 2 3 3 Ecuador 3 1 0 2 2 4 3 **GROUPH** Italy's Alessandro Del Piero became 2110324 a World Cup hero at the second time Japan Russia 2101213 of asking here Thursday as he Belgium 2020332 Tunisia 2011131 title on course.

SCORING CHART AFP, Seoul

World Cup scorers after Thursdav's matches:

4 - Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN). 3 - Pape Bouba Diop (SEN), Pauleta (POR), Raul (SPA)

Christian Vieri (ITA). 2 - Jared Borgetti (MEX), Nelson Cuevas (PAR), Fernando Hierro (SPA), Ronald Gomez (CRC), Hasan Sas (TUR),

(SWE), Fernando Morientes (SPA), Marc Wilmots (BEL). 1 - Milenko Acimovic (SLO), Julius Aghahowa (NGR), Ahn Jung-Hwan (KOR), Niclas Alexandersson (SWÉ), Fran-cisco Arce (PAR), Michael Ballack (GER), Gabriel Batistuta Diao (SEN), Damien Duff (IRL), Edmilson (BRA), Emre Belozoglu (TUR), Samuel Eto'o (CMR),

falling behind.

The few promising Croatian attacks invariably broke down near the penalty area, and they desperately lacked invention

up eight minutes from time. Alen Boksic burst down the right and swept a cross over for substitute Davor Vugrinec, who despite having time to control blazed a wild volley managed to defeat the South Ameriover the bar. cans at the Yokohama International

minutes after half-time. A Ulises de la Cruz cross from the right was headed down by Agustin Delgado into the path of Mendez who sent a low shot ripping into the net.

we showed how we can really play, goalscorer Mendez said after the win, whose team had lost their opening matches against Italy and Mexico.

21. Robert Kovac, 10 Niko Kovac match didn't turn out to be a fiasco. We knew before the game that we had no real chance of qualifying but we can now leave with our heads

Hail Del Piero second round. And now we can look to our future," said Del Piero.

"There were a lot of things we saving Italy didn't do well - but in the end every-



ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO

thing turned out fine," he added In 1998 in France Del Piero had flopped on the big stage with Italy fans singing 'Mette Baggio' (put on Baggio) to coach Cesare Maldini as patience with the Juventus player wore thin.

Trapattoni had been forced to deny allegations last week that Del Piero had been ostracised by his team-mates and excluded from the first team but that was certainly not

> second in the group you would end up playing France," Eriksson said. Denmark is doing very well. They

Arsenal defender Sol Campbell said England had shown against Nigeria that they were capable of adapting their game to the hot and humid conditions, in a comment

"But football is strange and have two good strikers, two very quick wide players in midfield and

"We know it will not be easy but

England, who were sent pack-

ing from their last two World Cup

campaigns on penalties, will also

spend more time practising spot-

kicks in training in case they meet

with the same scenario at this

year's finals. Germany sent

England crashing out in the semifi-

nals of the 1990 Italian finals and

eight years later their spot-kick hell

came back to haunt them against

Argentina in their second round

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Glenn Hoddle came in for strong

In France 1998, England coach

England also lost out on penal-

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tournament.



5 - Miroslav Klose (GER) Rivaldo (BRA), Ronaldo (BRA),

Junichi Inamoto (JPN), Robbie

Keane (IRL), Henrik Larsson

England tiring! AFP, Tsuna The elimination of favourites Argentina and France has sent England's World Cup ambitions into overdrive but fatigue is looming

Oita's Big Eye Stadium ended an agonising 90 minutes for Italy, who in the end qualify in second place in Group G behind Mexico. Del Piero, a 78th-minute substitute for Francesco Totti, has failed to deliver for Italy in the three major

second phase when at half-time it looked as though they were facing first-round elimination for the first time in 28 years.

tournaments he has played in at Euro 1996, France 98 and Euro 2000 But the Juventus player's glanc-

ing header from a Vincenzo Montella cross achieved redemption for Italy who now progress to the

Del Piero ran towards the corner flag with his finger on his lips - an apparent snub to his critics who had said he should not have come to this tournament after coach Giovanni Trapattoni had resisted a clamour to include popular 35-year-old Roberto Baggio. "It's our destiny to be in the

(ARG), David Beckham (ENG), Beto (POR), Oliver Bierhoff (GER), Cuauhtemoc Blanco (MEX), Marco Bode (GER), Raouf Bouzaine (TUN), Gary Breen (IRL), Bulent (TUR), Sol Campbell (ENG), Jorge Campos (PAR), Sebastjan Cimirotic (SLO), Hernan Crespo (ARG), Alessandro Del Piero (ITA), Agustin Delgado (ECU), Salif

Khalilou Fadiga (SEN), Diego

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Carsten Jancker (GER), Junior

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(BRA), Dario Rodriguez (URU),

Dennis Rommedahl (DEN),

Ronaldinho (BRA), Rui Costa

(POR), Roque Santa Cruz (PAR),

Bernd Schneider (GER)

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Svensson (SWE), Egor Titov

(RUS), Gerardo Torrado (MEX),

Úmit Davala (TUR), Valeron

(SPA), Peter Van der Heyden

BEL, Paulo Cesar Wanchope

(CRC), Mauricio Wright (CRC),

Yoo Sang-Chul (KOR).

Mexico topped Group G with seven points with Italy runners-up on four points. Both Croatia - who had upset Italy 2-1 last week - and Ecuador finished on three points. The Croatians failed dismally to respond to Ecuador's winner and despite enjoying plenty of possession they hardly put any pressure on Ecuador keeper Jose Cevallos after

Croatia crashed out of the World

Cup here Thursday, missing a golden chance to qualify for the second phase at the expense of A miserable night was summed Group Grivals Italy after slumping to Croatia, the third placed team at the 1998 World Cup, would have gualified for the last 16 if they had

held high," he said

Ecuador's winner came three Stadium as Italy could only draw 1-1 But the Croatians were sent

"We were very happy because 76)

Croatia: 1. Stipe Pletikosa, 3. Josip Simunic, 4. Stjepan Tomas, 5. Igor Tudor, 15 Danijel Saric (13. Mario Stanic, 68), 17. Robert Jarni, 20 Dario Simic (7. Davor Vugrinec, 52), "It was very important that this

(16. Jurica Vranjes, 59), 11. Alen Boksic, 18, Ivica Olic Referee: Mattus William (Costa Rica)

the case on Thursday as he was

submerged by his colleagues after

And Del Piero's upstaging of Totti

is sweet revenge for the Juve plaver.

who was scapegoated for Italy's

Euro 2000 defeat when he missed

two sitters in the final - both set up by

Totti - as a substitute with Italy

France came back to win with a

injury-time equaliser and a golden

goal winner by David Trezeguet,

now Del Piero's team-mate at

at World Cup level and the fourth in

a major tournament it is Del Piero

who will go down as the man that

saved Italy - even if Ecuador's 1-0

victory over Croatia gave the

Del Piero, nicknamed 'il

Pinturicchio' after a famous renais-

sance painter, had been forced to

concede the number 10 shirt tradi-

tionally awarded to a team's star

player to Totti before the start of the

tournament, instead having to

accept the number seven.At the

time Del Piero pointed out that the

number seven was considered a

lucky number in Japan - and that

certainly proved to be the case on

'Azzurri' a helping hand.

But at the second time of asking

leading 1-0.

Juventus.

Thursday.

DHAKA FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2002

Spoil-sport Ecuador "First time here and I think we learned a lot. And I think we really showed the true quality of Ecuadorean football," Mendez

> added Mendez's goal came after a lacklustre first half which saw neither side manage to get on top, each cancelling the other out in midfield. TEAMS

Ecuador: 1. Jose Cevallos, 2. Augusto Porozo, 3. Ivan Hurtado, 4. Ulises de la Cruz, 6. Raul Guerron. 15. Marlon Ayovi, 5 Alfonso Obregon (10. Alex Aguinaga, 40), 16. Kleber Chala, 19. Edison Mendez, 11. Agustin Delgado, 18 Carlos Tenorio (9. Ivan Kaviedes

Hernan Crespo bade savonara to their Japanese base at the J-Village in Naraha, which was supposed to be just one step along the road to a third title in Yokohama on June 30.

Instead, the squad was headed for a Tokyo rendezvous with their families before a return trip to Buenos Aires via Rome - save for those based in Europe, such as Veron, Roma's Batistuta and Marcelo Gallardo of Monaco.

Ronaldo's goal?

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"Today I consider that I scored twice," he said.

Ronaldo said earlier in the week that being the tournament's top scorer was secondary to Brazil winning a fifth world title

If he is credited with the disputed goal he will have four for the competition to add to the four he scored at France 98.

Germany's Miroslav Klose is the current top scorer with five one than Dane Jon Dahl Tomasson.

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"Since Bruce Arena has taken biggest disappointments of the over we have got the right attitude tournament, losing 2-0 to the within the team, we are very organ-Koreans and 4-0 to the Portuguese ised." Revna said. to suffer an early elimination from the tournament.

"He has given the guys confidence to play. In the past coaches weren't comfortable to put guys on the field for the national team, but Bruce has no problems with anyone in the squad right now.

important."

Dutch-based midfielder Earnie Stewart returns to the lineup after

By Eugene Sheffer

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coach Jerzy Engel may opt for changes to the side which capitulated against the Portuguese, and he will definitely be without sus-

"The players feel confident that the coach appreciates them. The general attitude and atmosphere within the team is good and that's

Arena has to decide whether World Cup performances had put his position in jeopardy.

PROBABLE TEAMS

Poland (Formation 4-3-3; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Jerzy Dudek; 20-Jacek Bak, 15-Tomasz Waldoch, 6-Tomasz Hajto, 4-Michal Zewlakow; 10-Radoslaw Kaluzny, 17-Arkadiusz Bak, 18-Jacek Krzynowek: 21-Marek Kozminski, 11-Emmanuel Olisadebe, 9-Pawel Kryszalowicz. United States: (Formation 5-4-1; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Brad Friedel; 2-Frankie Hejduk, 4-Pablo Mastroeni, 12-Jeff Agoos, 22-Tony Sanneh, 23-Eddie Pope; 5-John O'Brien, 8-Earnie Stewart, 17-DaMarcus Beasley, 21-Landon Donovan; 20-Brian McBride. Referee: Jun Lu (China)

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led to riotous on-field celebrations and drew enthusiastic applause from the onlooking inmates.

Klongprem houses 7,283 prisoners, including 1,153 foreigners, mainly on drug charges.

"I have been here two years and two months now, and this is the first time they have held such a tournament. They should do it at least once a year to decrease stress," said the Nigerian team captain who was stopped by prison guards from giving his name. He said he was serving a five-year sentence for drug trafficking.

"This tournament is good because we can spend our time breaking the prison routine," said prisoner-footballer Michael Kuyt of Holland.

The top two teams from each of two aroups will proceed to the knock-out phase, according to a schedule. The victors will receive a gold-painted wooden replica of the World Cup trophy, as well as extra toiletries

CUP CORNER

REUTERS, Seoul

"Please, make one goal, Ahn Jung-hwan. I will kiss you. Hwang Sun-hong, if you make another, I will also kiss you."

KISSES FOR GOALS

So says a popular young actress in a South Korean television commer cial

Now 10,000 more women want to show their support for Korean World Cup players like strikers Ahn and Hwang by kissing them.

Amore Pacific Corp, Korea's largest cosmetic supplier, said on Thursday the firm had collected the lipstick kiss marks on postcards from female customers at its 60 branches.

"For victory in the match against Portugal, we have delivered 10,000 kiss marks and cheering messages on postcards to the Korean players," the company said in a statement

TOO MANY STADIA

REUTERS, Seoul

FIFA general secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen said on Thursday that Japan and South Korea built far too many stadiums for the World Cup creating a logistical nightmare for the event.

In a generally highly favourable assessment of how the first co-hosted cup had been conducted, Zen-Ruffinen said the decision to play games in 20 stadiums -- split evenly between Japan and South Korea -- had been the single biggest problem of the cup.

"The number of stadiums is too large. That is crazy," Zen-Ruffinen told a news conference.

FIFA officials said the constant need to move staff to 20 stadium double the number used at previous cups -- had been a major test and drain on resources.

as a threat to their hopes of advanc ing to the latter stages of a major tournament for the first time since Italy in 1990.

A goalless draw with Nigeria on Wednesday clinched Sven-Goran Eriksson's men's place in the second round but left them with just 75 hours to recover before facing Denmark, a large part of which will be eaten up by travelling.

After staying overnight in Osaka, the England players travelled back to their base camp here on Awaji Island on Thursday morning and they will spend most of Friday making their way to Niigata in northern Japan for the match the following day.

Steve McClaren, one of Eriksson's coaching assistants, acknowledged that the shortage of recovery time after playing Nigeria in mid-afternoon in temperatures of up to 35 degrees Celsius could hamper England's chances.

"That is going to be a problem because it was warm yesterday. It did take a lot out of the players, McClaren said here Thursday.

"It's a quick turnaround but it is an evening game and it should be a little bit cooler which will suit us better.

that reflected a growing belief among the players that they can go they are very well organised. all the way here.

"We are learning and we have to you cannot expect to have any learn because there might be a few easy matches once you get games like that on the way to the through the first round, or even final. before that.'

If England beat the Danes they will play their quarter-final, potentially against Brazil, in Shizuoka at 3.30 pm.

Eriksson said he was not too concerned about England's failure to win the 'Group of Death', which would have secured an extra day's rest, a shorter trip to Oita in the far southwest of Japan and a match with Africa's only first-round survivors, Senegal.

"I really don't know if it would have been better to meet Senegal," Eriksson said. "It is a different sort of challenge playing a team like that which is very good at keeping the ball rather than Denmark, who play more directly."

Both the Danes and Senegal beat world and European champions France in their group matches. underlining their credentials as well as contributing to one of the biggest shocks in the history of the World Cup

"Of course, it was a surprise. You thought that if you finished

criticism for admitting his players had not practised penalties in training. But at this World Cup England, who failed to qualify for the 1994 finals in the United States, hope to

be better prepared should they face another dreaded shoot-out.

"We have the utmost respect for

Tunisia. They might only have a

small chance of going through, but

they will have the same self-belief

"Right now, though, this Japan

Tunisia kept their World Cup

already voiced doubts about their

ability to beat Japan. round.

as we do." he said.

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Egypt in Osaka in October 1998, insisted his players were ready for their date with destiny.

Target top spot

"It is ironic that we are back in Osaka where it started for me, but reaching the second round is no longer a dream for Japan," said the Frenchman.

"It is a question of mathematics. Japan are in this position because we deserve to be and now the players have a chance to write another page in history."

Asked if there was any added motivation for Japan to finish top of group H in order to avoid playing group A winners Brazil, Troussier said

"I don't want to speculate about the last 16. Our target is to finish first or second in the group and to get to the second round. After that everything is a bonus."

Troussier, who will step down as Japan coach after the World Cup, denied that the weight of expecta-

tion would distract his players on Friday.

"They are aware of all the scenarios, but we have the advantage of the home support and we have four points already," he said.

"Pressure gets to different playteam is like a volcano. I just hope it ers in different ways but this Japan keeps erupting like this.' squad is the result of four years of hard work. They know how good campaign alive with a 1-1 draw they are and they are very confident against Belgium on Monday but of reaching the second round." their coach Ammar Souayah has

Troussier also promised, however, that Japan would not be taking Tunisia lightly.

PROBABLE TEAMS

Japan: (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 12-Seigo Narazaki; 3-Naoki Matsuda, 17-Tsuneyasu Miyamoto, 16-Koji Nakata; 20-Tomokazu Myojin, 5-Junichi Inamoto, 21-Kazuyuki Toda, 7-Hidetoshi Nakata, 18-Shinji Ono; 11-Takayuki Suzuki, 13-Atsushi Yanagisawa Tunisia: (Formation 4-5-1; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Ali Boumnijel; 2-Khaled Badra, 6-Hatem Trabelsi, 12-Raouf Bouzaiane, 15-Radhi Jaidi; 8-Hassen Gabsi, 13-Riadh Bouazizi, 18-Slim Ben Achour, 10-Kais Ghodhbane, 21-Mourad Melki; 5-Ziad Jaziri Referee: Gilles Veissiere (France)

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