

Croats crying

INTERNET, Yokohama
"We did not deserve to win this game", said Croatian forward Milan Rapacic...

BELGIUM VS RUSSIA

One may prevail

REUTERS, Shizuoka
Cast as the favourites to qualify from group H before the World Cup, Belgium and Russia face off...

Defender Nico Van Kerckhoven has recovered from his thigh injury and will return to his left-back role...



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 Shizuoka Stadium yesterday.

Table with 3 columns: Country, Formation, Jersey numbers in the beginning. Lists Belgium and Russia formations.

Picking up

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shirt and to have pride in representing our country which identifies with this team...

With three points to Belgium's two, Russia have the simpler task. They only need a draw to qualify...

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Americans stay focused

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n't mean anything. You want to get your pride back and a result, so we have to prepare for that game...

missing the Korean match with a thigh injury. Stewart, 32, is a veteran of three World Cups and may partner Reyna...

Table with 3 columns: Country, Formation, Jersey numbers in the beginning. Lists American players and their positions.

Anderson blow for Sweden

AFP, Miyagi
Swedish captain Patrik Andersson is out of the World Cup after failing to recover from a hip injury...

Prisoners' WC!

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

Spoil-sport Ecuador

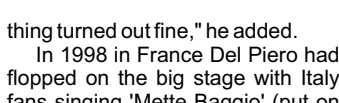
AFP, Yokohama
Croatia crashed out of the World Cup here Thursday, missing a golden chance to qualify for the second phase...

"First time here and I think we learned a lot. And I think we really showed the true quality of Ecuadorian football," Mendez added...

Hail Del Piero

AFP, Oita
Italy's Alessandro Del Piero became a World Cup hero at the second time of asking here Thursday...

second round. And now we can look to our future," said Del Piero. "There were a lot of things we didn't do well - but in the end every-



ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO

Table with 3 columns: Country, Formation, Jersey numbers in the beginning. Lists Italy's team details.

Del Piero, a 78th-minute substitute for Francesco Totti, has failed to deliver for Italy in the three major tournaments he has played in...

the case on Thursday as he was submerged by his colleagues after saving Italy. And Del Piero's upstaging of Totti is sweet revenge for the Juve player...

England tiring!

AFP, Tsuna
The elimination of favourites Argentina and France has sent England's World Cup ambitions into overdrive...

second in the group you would end up playing France," Eriksson said. "But football is strange and Denmark is doing very well. They have two good strikers...

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle: A grid of letters with a central clue 'Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals T'.

CUP CORNER

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tioneer Pierre Blanche.
KISSES FOR GOALS
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."

Target top spot

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

"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 as we do," he said.