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Ronaldinho's absence from

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AFP,Seoul

World Cup scorers after Sature day's matches:

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2 - Ahn Jung-Hwan Ahn (KOR), Michael Ballack (GER), Jared Borgetti (MEX), Henri Camara (SEN), Nelson Cuevas (PAR), Landon Donovan (USA), Fernando Hierro (SPA), Ronald Gomez (CRC), Hasan Sas (TUR), Junichi Inamoto (JPN), Brian McBride (USA), Michael Owen (ENG), Ronaldinho (BRA), Umit Davala (TUR).

1 - Milenko Acimovic (SLO), Julius Aghahowa (NGR), Niclas Alexandersson (SWE), Francisco Arce (PAR), Gabriel Batistuta (ARG), David Beckham (ENG), Vladimir Beschastnykh (RUS), 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 Diao (SEN), Damien Duff (IRL), Edmilson (BRA), Emre Belozoglu (TUR), Samuel Etoo (CMR), Khalilou Fadiga (SEN), Rio Ferdinand (ENG), Diego Forlan (URU), Quinton Fortune (RSA), Èmile Heskey (ENG), Matt Holland (IRL), Hwang Sun-Hong (KOR), Ilhan (TUR), Carsten Jancker Junior (BRA), Valery Karpin (RUS), Pawel Kryszalowicz (POL), Thomas Linke (GER), Clint Mathis (USA), Benedict McCarthy Edison Mendez (ECU), Gaizka Mendieta (SPA), Teboho Mokoena (RSA), Richard Morales (URU), Hiroaki Morishima (JPN), Hidetoshi Nakata (JPN), Oliver Neuville (GER), Siyabonga Nomvethe (RSA), John O'Brien (USA), Ivica Olic (CRO), Emmanuel Olisadebe (POL), Park Ji-Sung Park (KOR), Winston Parks (CRC), Patrick Mboma (CMR), Lucas Radebe (RSA), Milan Rapaic (CRO), Alvaro Recoba (URU), Roberto Carlos (BRA), Dario Rodriguez (URU), Dennis Rommedahl (DEN), Rui Costa (POR), Roque Santa Cruz (PAR), Bernd Schneider (GER), Seol Ki-Hyeon (KOR), Wesley Sonck Takayuki Suzuki Anders Svensson (SWE), Dmitri Sychev (RUS), Egor Titov (RUS), Gerardo Torrado (MEX), Valeron (SPA), Peter Van der Heyden (BEL), Johan Walem (BEL), Paulo Cesar Wanchope (CRC), Mauricio Wright (CRC), Yoo Sang-Chul Yoo (KOR), Marcin Zewlakow (POL).

Turks no less

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said he was proud of the way his team had shaken football's superpowers in their run to the quarter-finals of the "Senegal's performance here gives

us a lot of hope for the future, for us and for Africa in general," said Metsu, a Frenchman "I am very proud that a small coun-

try like Senegal can come to the World Cup and rock the hierarchy of football.

"Turkey are a very, very good team. They have great individual talent who play in the best leagues in Europe and they have teams like Galatasaray back

"If we look at their matches they have lost only once against Brazil and you could count them unlucky in that

"I think we showed our collective spirit, our sense of being together." Metsu said his next aim was to

become champions of Africa after finishing runners-up to Cameroon in this year's final.

'We have had an exceptional adventure and our next objective is to capture the African Nations Cup," said Metsu who declined to discuss his future after reports that he has had offers from European clubs.

Earlier Saturday, Gaziantep, ironically a Turkish first division club announced they had agreed terms with Metsu for next season.

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He did it deliberately

AFP, Saitama

Brazil star Ronaldinho revealed here Friday he had been shooting for goal with his spectacular free kick winner that caught out David Seaman and ended England's World Cup dream.

The 22-year-old Paris Saint Germain attacker, later sent off just minutes after scoring, said he had been told by Brazil skipper Cafu to try to catch the England goalkeeper off his line as he lined up the 50thminute dead ball effort from 35 yards out on the right.

Ronaldinho's shot curled high and dropped under the bar as a horrified Seaman scrambled back vainly to try and stop the ball from dipping into the net. The goal gave Brazil a 2-1 win and took them into the semi-finals next Wednesday.

England skipper David Beckham later described the goal was a "fluke" - but Ronaldinho insisted the wonder shot had been intentional.

"I was going for it. Cafu came up to me and said I should try for the goal because Seaman was standing off his line. I went for it and it came off," said Ronaldinho, speaking after undergoing a random postmatch dope test.

Ronaldinho's joy at putting Brazil ahead was shortlived however - he was red-carded seven minutes later following a rash challenge on England defender Danny Mills.

Moreno returns compliment!

AFP, Santiago

Byron Moreno, the referee who found himself at the centre of a storm of criticism following Italy's World Cup exit, hit out angrily on Friday after being accused of cor-

"If they (the Italians) speak about corruption, it must be because they are accustomed to practising it," the Ecuadoran official told the Chilean La Tercera newspaper during a stopover in Miami as he made his way home to Quito

"What moral weight do the Italians have when of their club officials can sack a South Korean player for scoring a goal against them," added Moreno referring to the decision taken by the Perugia club to dispense with the services of Ahn Jung-Hwan who scored the golden goal that gave South Korea their shock 2-1 second round win

The Brazilian's studs-up tackle left Mills writhing in agony, prompting Mexican referee Felipe Rizo Ramos to reach for a straight red that will rule Ronaldinho out of the semi-finals, and could possibly see him banned for the final.

The controversial dismissal



YOU COULD TRY MY HAIRSTYLE! Brazilian sensation Ronaldinho Gaucho pats a little Brazilian girl while checking out of the Grand Hotel in Hamamatsu yesterday.

in disbelief as team-mates surrounded Ramos.

Ronaldinho was adamant that he did not deserve to go, revealing that Mills had later expressed his sympathy when they had exchanged words after the match.

"I shouldn't have been sent off. I spoke to Mills in the doping room and he said he didn't think I should have got a red card either.

'When I was walking off the pitch,

Against England, the mercurial midfielder was an inspiration, setting up Brazil's equaliser with a mesmerising burst that left the English defence at sixes and sev-

Showing superb balance, he wrong-footed Ashley Cole and laid off calmly to an unmarked Rivaldo whose clinical finish gave Seaman no chance.

Then in the moments after halftime he struck his fabulous freekick, sending Brazil into the semifinals - and leaving a distraught Seaman in tears at the final whistle.

The World Cup semifinals line-up: June 25: Germany vs South Korea Venue: Seoul

Time: 5:30 pm Second semifinal June 26: Brazil vs Turkey

Becks was

FROM PAGE 16 the rest of the players and proud of

Beckham said the squad had earned a lot from their time spent in Asia and would come back a stronger

"We are learning things from playing in big competitions like this. When you do play at a World Cup you get experience from playing different

"Everyone of the players has done that and it's good that the team we've got are young enough to get other

"To reach the quarter-finals with a team full of players playing in their first World Cup is an achievement."

Beckham insisted he was fit enough to play for England despite being short of match fitness when the tournament began because of a broken foot bone.

"I felt fit enough and that was enough for me and that was enough

for the manager," he said.
"When you do come into a competition like this and you've been out for eight weeks of course it's going to be

hard to get back to full fitness.' Beckham also paid tribute to the England supporters who have got behind their team in Japan and back

"I think they've been the best fans at the World Cup," he said. "Wherever we go they travel with us. The way they've been over here has been

"As a team and as a captain, and I'm sure Mr Eriksson would do the same, we have to thank our nation for the support they've given us because had a lift just like we have.

"And of course we have to thank Japan as a nation because the way they've supported us has been amazing, and I know for sure a lot of the players will come back here

Argentina

The Clarin newspaper praised the quality of the two goals scored by Rivaldo and Ronaldinho which gave Brazil their 2-1 quarter-final triumph.

"Brazil are in the semifinals despite the criticism they received in the press for their style and their "Who can say the semi-final is

not deserved? They showed their superiority over their adversaries. added the report. Press and public in Argentina

also took great joy in Brazil's win as it was England who knocked their own team out of the World Cup in the first round.

Some fans celebrated in night clubs which were organising Brazil theme nights to mark the victory.

Unlike Felipe Kleberson and Brazil were a different team -- less daring, less exciting

to watch but more solid Once again, Scolari showed that he can dance according to the

As a club coach, he made his

name by turning modest outfits into title-winning teams. Without any big-name players, the best way to do that was by packing his defence, frustrating the

opposition and catching them on the

Suddenly, as Brazil coach, he found himself in charge of some of the most gifted players in the world. The pragmatic Scolari quickly realised that the best way of winning was to give them the freedom to use their individual talents and send his

team out to attack. He has now shown that his Brazil can play either way, often changing their style during the course of a

Scolari has also managed to control the towering egos which often caused Brazil to self-destruct in the past. From the outset, he has insisted

that his squad has to be a family and that there will be now room for temperamental superstars.

In line with this, veteran striker Romario, who has a long history of missing training sessions, demanding special privileges and fighting with his team-mates, was banished

from the squad Scolari had to defy enormous popular pressure -- even Brazil's president Fernando Henrique Cardoso said he thought Romario should be included -- but he stood

by his principles. The saga dragged on for a good six months but not even a tearful outburst from Romario, in which he swallowed his pride and apologised for "anything I might have done wrong, even unconsciously," could soften Scolari's heart.

Scolari said after Friday's game: "As a coach, I have tremendous admiration for the previous teams, for everything they have done for Brazil, but I have never seen a Brazilian team with such a strong fighting spirit, with such a vibrant approach, as this team

"I think this Brazil team is the ideal image of modern football. In addition to our qualities, we have fighting spirit."

And nobody was talking about

Outstanding Oliver

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Bierhoff as the team's captain earlier this year, he was their natural leader and while many doubted that Germany could have a great World Cup, he kept saying that they had the right to be ambitious.

"We're in the semifinals. which means we belong to the best four teams in the world and again and that's something we can be proud of,"

he said on Friday. Regarded for years as a superb goalkeeper, Kahn showed the world how true that was with three saves in the shootout that gave Bayern their Champions League final triumph over Valencia last year.

Perceived by some fans and observers as slightly arrogant, Kahn tried his best to change his image over the last few months, appearing on television shows and advertisement campaigns dressed in designer clothes and sporting a fancy haircut.

But the embodiment of Germany's trademark winning spirit still hardly ever smiles and is happy concentrating on doing what he does best. "This is halfway," he said of his

50th cap, hinting he would still be around for a while Cameroon coach Winfried

Schaefer, who had a young Kahn in his team when he trained Karlsruhe SC, had little doubt that Kahn would show his team the way to the last four.

"Germany will be in the semifinals unless Oliver Kahn is injured or kidnapped," he said before the game

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after the Japan midfielder was released by English champions Arsenal,

according to the official Feyenoord website. "We have been monitoring Inamoto's situation at Arsenal. We have been interested in Inamoto since (Shinji) Ono signed for us," Feyenoord general manager Rob Baan said.

Inamoto, who has attracted interest from a number of European clubs after making a huge impact on the World Cup, recently expressed an interest in playing alongside international team mate Ono if told he was surplus to requirements at Arsenal.

Arsenal released Inamoto last week, ending a season of frustration for the 22-year-old, who did not play a single premier league game after signing from J-League club Gamba Osaka for \$5.85 million last July Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, who is in Japan working as a televi-

sion analyst for the World Cup, reportedly met Inamoto to explain his

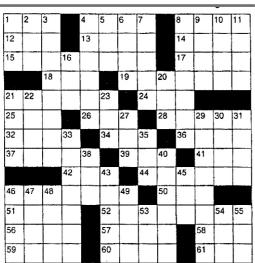
decision after the co-hosts were beaten 1-0 by Turkey in the second round of the finals on Tuesday Inamoto, meanwhile, said on his official website that he had "no regrets" about his stay in Arsenal, despite being limited to just four appearances for the London side, two in the English League Cup and two as substitute in

the Champions League. "There were some frustrations and concerns about my future but I have no regrets. I'll just keep staying positive and looking forward." he said. If a move to the Netherlands does not appeal to Inamoto, there is likely

to be no shortage of clubs interested in signing him after Japan defied the odds to reach the last 16 of the World Cup. victory over Russia in the first round and was named the FIFA man of the

thought to be leading the chase for his signature before Feyenoord

Inamoto scored in the 2-2 draw with Belgium and the winner in the 1-0 match both times. Japan went on to beat Tunisia 2-0 to finish top of group H before bowing out to Turkey. Dutch club PSV Eindhoven and Italian side Atalanta were two clubs emerged as the front-runners. By Eugene Sheffer 20 Luau bowlful Hollywood 21 Anything



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XGQDKS HIF XBE? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE SCIENTIST THREW THERMOMETER OUT THE WINDOW TO WATCH THE TEMPERATURE DROP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals B The Cryotoguip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. Ballack did score the goal. Klose

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FROM PAGE 16 on the part of the Brazilians for

England to score. Fortunately for the South Americans, there was only one mistake, and even more fortunately, they had Ronaldinho at his best. In general, the game was very closely fought, with both teams unable to create too many chances. In such games, it is often a moment of inspiration that makes the difference. And Ronaldinho came up with two Tuesday. The first was when he took a host of English defenders for a ride and then released Rivaldo with a precise pass, which Rivaldo matched with as precise a finish. That was in first half injury time to cancel out Owen's equaliser. The second came within minutes of the second half starting. This one was pure genius. To have the cheek to attempt scoring a free-kick from near the touchline deserves praise in itself. To have the ability to pull it off perfectly deserves praise bordering on worship. Seaman may blame himself, but who could have anticipated it? Ronaldinho is a rising star who can pull off every trick in the book, and some from outside it. Now he just needs to come up with a better celebration after scoring. We won't see it anymore in this World Cup though. The red card he got soon after scoring was probably for intent, but it deserved no more than a yellow. However, champions overcome such things. Italy could not do it. Portugal could not do it. France could not do it. Brazil have Now, let's see if they are flattering to deceive.

It was unfortunate for the USA that they bowed out of the World Cup with their best performance. If only they had taken their chances in the frantic start to the game, they could have come up with another huge upset. Germany were unimpressive, but the Germans will not worry about that. They are through to the semifinals, thanks to the magnificent Oliver Kahn, and will back themselves to raise their game now. That said. USA's domination of possession in midfield and how easily Donovan constantly penetrated the German defence must be addressed by Rudi Voeller if they are to go all the way and lift the trophy. Ballack and Schneider, the two key players in midfield for the Germans, were very quiet, although

seems to have run himself out of goals, and Neuville, although always a nuisance, will rarely be a matchwinner. The Americans go home with their heads held high and a young team which has earned valuable experience. If they can keep this core of players, they will be stronger in four years' time. But being stronger doesn't necessarily guarantee success. Their game against Germany was a perfect

example of that.