Let bygones be bygones!

REUTERS, Saitama

Brazilian forward Rivaldo, whose team meet Turkey on Wednesday in the World Cup semifinals, does no expect any bad feeling to be carried over from their fiery first-round

Rivaldo, whose overblown reaction was blamed for getting Hakan Unsal sent off in the group C game, reminded Turkey that Brazil helped them get through the first

"I think they're happy with us beating Costa Rica." he said.

"If we had drawn or lost that game then Costa Rica would have qualified instead. They should be happy with us because we put them in the second round.

"I don't think they're at all upset with Brazil. They have to be grateful

Turkey went through on goal difference at the expense of Costa Rica, who were beaten 5-2 by Brazil in their final group match while the Turks defeated China 3-0

No, not again!

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But the confusion wasn't over.

Minutes later, Turkey's Hakan Unsal kicked the ball at Rivaldo as the Brazilian prepared to take a corner kick. Rivaldo collapsed, clutching his face, and Kim sent Unsal off with his second yellow card of the match. TV replays showed the ball had hit Rivaldo in the leg, and FIFA fined him 11,500 Swiss francs (7,000 dollars) for faking an injury.
Brazilians fear that Turkey will be

out for revenge on Wednesday.

"Nobody likes to face the same adversary twice," midfielder Gilberto Silva said. "The caution for the second game will be even greater, because they haven't gotten over that penalty on Luizao."

Turkey coach Senol Gunes thinks that four matches later his side have matured into a unit that can stretch Brazil further.

"Our footballers have done what they do -- spectacular things. We can go on writing the future," he "We have no fear of Brazil. It's

just the name that's big. Brazil have won the World Cup four times but we're not afraid of them or any team," said Umit Davala. "Brazil have to fear us.'

Still, if history is a guide, facing the same foe twice in the World Cup is a lucky charm for Brazil.

It's happened three times: against Czechoslovakia in 1938 and 1962, and against Sweden in 1994 Each time Brazil won the second match, and twice went on to win the



DIDN'T FIND A BETTER PLACE TO WATCH FOOTBALL? A Turkey supporter climbs a lamp post to see the World Cup match between Turkey and Senegal

No need for videos

Despite admitting there have been refereeing "mistakes" in the World Cup, FIFA on Sunday ruled out the use of video replays to help settle

Spain on Saturday joined a growing list of countries that believe they were eliminated from the World Cup by bad calls. Italy has been in the forefront suggesting there might have been a conspiracy to oust

Eliminated 2-1 on Tuesday by South Korea, Italy had five goals disallowed during the tournament, including one against the Koreans, mainly for questionable offside calls. Video replays showed some of the goals were valid.

Spain had three goals disallowed in its quarterfinal loss Saturday to South Korea, a game that ended 0-0 with South Korea winning 5-3 on penalties. Two were on disputed offside calls by the Egyptian referee. Another came when a linesman ruled the ball had gone out of play and disallowed a goal an instant

Television replays showed the

"It's an old chestnut," FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper said Sunday. "They (video replays) have been discussed on many, many occasions. ... Suffice to say that at the moment it is not on the agenda."

Cooper left the door open for technology to eventually creep into the game, but only on a limited

"No doubt as technology moves on, the pressure for adopting some kind of video technology will increase," he said. "If any kind of technology were to be introduced it would be solely for adjudging whether the ball has crossed the line between the goalpost and under the crossbar ... whether a goal is a

He said using technology in other areas of the game "was not an issue at the moment.'

He did acknowledge there had been errors.

Cooper, quoting Turkey's Senes Erzik. chairman of FIFA's referees committee, said "there have been one or two major mistakes that are causes for concern" -- but maintained the officials were "well pre-

Cooper said the referees' committee was "open to every suggestion, especially those coming from the FIFA president that may lead to an improvement in referees.'

In an unusual move, FIFA president Sepp Blatter has twice openly criticised the officiating in this World Cup. He has hinted that referees should only be selected from major soccer-playing countries.

Two Spanish players said before their loss they "knew what to expect" playing before a heavily partisan crowd in the South Korea capital,

Portugal, Mexico and the United States have also been victims of questionable calls. And the Italian state broadcaster RAI is threatening to sue FIFA for the loss of revenue because of Italy's earlier-thanexpected exit.

Critics have suggested the questionable officiating has hurt the integrity of the tournament, with some -- like the Italians suggesting a conspiracy to eliminate them.

problems - but he too has come up before he could kepe his goal-a-

against the Turks, who were sent packing with goals from Ronaldo and Rivaldo in the four-time champions' first group match.

incentive to maintain his goalscoring spree if Brazil are to lift

European nations to struggle

REUTERS. Sogwipo

Love thy neighbour

REUTERS, Tokyo

If there was any ambivalence in Japan about South Korea's runaway success in the soccer World Cup cohosted by the two countries, it was well hidden in the Sunday editions of Japanese newspapers. After South Korea beat Spain the

previous day, becoming the fist Asian team ever to reach the semifinals, all the major Japanese papers splashed large photographs of the winning team and their jubilant redclad fans across their front pages.

Bad blood between the two countries over Japan's often brutal colonisation of its Asian neighbour between 1910 and 1945 seemed to have been forgotten in the shared delight over an Asian triumph.

"Pride of Asia" was a headline common to several of the papers, many of which also noted enthusiastic support for the Koreans among the Japanese people.

"I think the support from the Japanese fans somehow reached them." the Mainichi Shimbun quoted one 28-year-old Japanese office worker as saying of the South

"We want them to reach the top as representatives of Asia," she

Row-blowing

But at least the competition has not gone to the extremes of the 'Soccer War" which took place in 1969 between Honduras and El

El Salvadoran troops invaded Honduran territory following alleged mistreatment of El Salvadoran immigrants in Honduras. The fourday spat came with soccer as the backdrop as the two nations were building up for a World Cup qualifier that week

The two Central American nations fell out for over a decade. The so-called 'Battle of Berne'

pitting Brazil against Hungary in the 1954 World Cup, remains a vardstick of how low the sport can sink.

And there is the ongoing illfeeling between Argentina and England which goes back all the way to 1966, when the England camp described the South Americans, led by Antonio Rattin, as "animals". Diego Maradona's "Hand of God"

antics 20 years later didn't help smooth things over. Now the Argentine media have

slammed England skipper David Beckham as a 'ballerina.' In today's Internet era football fans can even order a "Soccer Wars:

One Universe - One Sport" T-shirt. So Orwell's conclusion looks ustified. It's war by another name. The football rivalry between

England and Germany is perhaps as keen as that between Argentina and And it started a long time before

their 1966 final at Wembley. Football was also what the two

countries played one Christmas Day The 28-year-old Liverpool player in the trenches of World War I. missed Saturday training to avoid That day the troops left the bul lets behind - and probably indulged

in less arguing that the Italians and Spaniards have stoked up since their exit from the Greatest Show on

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opportunity to set their international

"When you've come so close the feeling you're left with is one of immense sadness," midfielder Luis Enrique said.

ruled out one good goal and we just missed scoring on other occasions.

European victims Portugal and Italy had done.

however, point to Spain's great the quarter-final -- an inability to convert their chances.

With Raul ruled out with a groin injury, Spain looked unthreatening in the penalty area, with only the height of Morientes concerning the South Korean defence.

who supplied the cross for the Morientes 'goal' in extra-time and then missed the crucial penalty, did upset the South Koreans' composure but there was no one there to take the chances he created.

spells at Valencia. Real Madrid and Real Betis, said Spain had themselves to blame for that very reason. "Each side had 50 percent of the chances," Hiddink told reporters.

they should be criticising them-Whatever the reasons behind the defeat, it was a disappointing

game that he would quit the national team to concentrate on club football with European champions Real "I'm leaving with the good feel-

ings I've had in the 89 matches I've played." said Hierro, who is his country's leading goalscorer and most capped outfield player.

Argentines loving it

AFP, Buenos Aires

The Argentine media on Saturday poked fun at England's World Cup exit to Brazil - and also at skipper David Beckham.

Beckham had been Argentina's first-round executioner with the penalty winner between the two sides in a 1-0 England win in Sapporo, Japan, which contributed to the South Americans' exit from the tournament.

Sports daily Ole did its best to prove that revenge is a dish best eaten cold, comparing Beckham to a ballerina who ducked out of challenges with his Brazilian opponents, such as defender Roberto Carlos, when England lost 2-1 on

"Beckham, who ended up not being so valiant, jumped out of the way and Brazil took the ball off towards the goal. The English are out of the World Cup and their skipper was the worst player on the pitch." Ole crowed.

The paper also lambasted Beckham a "Spice Girl," in reference to his wife Victoria, a member of the all-girl pop group.

"Beckham played with fear," the paper continued, putting the boot Clarin preferred "the idol fell" for

its headline. "We shan't cry for you England,"

was Cronica's offering.

"England once again showed that they are afraid of getting over a decisive hurdle in world championships as if the players go all cold at the thought of meeting important challenges such as yesterday's against Brazil," was Cronica's view of the match. The severe criticism goes much

deeper than England's defeat of Argentina which effectively sent the Latin Americans home after the opening round. The Falklands War between the

two countries in 1982 is an old wound which has not entirely healed.

In addition, Argentina knocked England out in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals aided by Diego Maradona's handballed first goal -Maradona claimed it was the 'Hand of God' - and then won on penalties in the second round at France 98.

Beckenbauer's comments that their

showing against the United States

from the media and so-called

experts but the people in Germany

are celebrating," Kahn said. "It's for

South Korea, who have dis-

"There has been some criticism

had been "very inadequate.'

them that we play."

Wouldn't miss it for the world

REUTERS, Seogwipo

Oliver Kahn was once happy to be left out when Germany faced South Korea but, unfortunately for the World Cup co-hosts, there is no way he will miss Tuesday's semifinal. The Germany captain was a

reserve goalkeeper when the triple champions played their only ever game against the opponents now standing in the way of their progress to the Yokohama final. "I think it's the only time I was

glad not to play," the 33-year-old said today, remembering side's 3-2 win in the first round of the 1994 World Cup in the United States. "It was in Dallas and the weather

conditions were extremely difficult," Kahn said. "It was ever so hot. We led 3-0 and then they scored twice. They were already tough opponents back then.' Kahn, who has matured to become arguably the world's best

goalkeeper and his team's natural

leader, could share memories of the

1994 match with coach Rudi Voeller.

Hamann worry

an unused substitute that day. His Bayern Munich teammate Stefan Effenberg would be more

reluctant to talk about the gamehe was sent home in disgrace after he showed his middle finger to the crowd as he was substituted.

But Khan would rather look forward to Tuesday's clash in Seoul. "I don't know if it's the most

important game in my career because I've had many important games both for the national team and my club," said the Bayern Munich player. "But it could definitely be the nicest." Kahn has been instrumental in

Germany's run to the last four with a string of crucial saves, notably in Friday's 1-0 quarterfinal victory over the United States. While the team were slammed by

observers and media for their sluggish performance, the goalkeeper won unanimous praise. "I try not to take too much notice,"

he said. "The media like to name an outstanding player but I think that's not fair. I'm only a small part of the team. I saw how the guys in the team fought in front of me and it was remarkable. One of few who had predicted

that Germany could have a great

World Cup, Kahn could not have

played plenty of the fighting spirit that is Kahn's trademark, naturally mpressed the German goalkeeper. "They have an incredible collec-

tive strength and also several dangerous individuals," he said. "They have knocked out Portugal, Italy and Spain, which says it all. "They will run until they drop and

we have to be ready for a marathon. But we will win this match." The co-hosts will be boosted by

incredible crowd support but it takes more than that to intimidate Kahn. "I saw all the red tee-shirts and millions of people in the streets, all

that passion," he said. "It's emotionally very strong. I can't wait to be in the stadium.

with five goals - although a thigh muscle injury forced him to go off game run going against England

AFP, Seogwipo

German midfielder Dietmar Hamann is struggling with a ligament injury and could miss his country's World Cup semi-final against South Korea next Tuesday, assistant coach Michael Skibbe said here Sunday.

"Hamann has had a slight problem with the knee since the quarterfinal against the United States," said

"It has been getting better but it would be premature to make a forecast on whether he'll be fit," Skibbe said at the team's noon press conference.

aggravating the problem in his right Skibbe added that Hamann was

the team's only doubt following the 1-0 guarter-final win over the United

Underachievers

making early exits the Spanish players knew this was an historic record straight

"We had clear chances but they

Most of the players hit out at the performance of the referee and his inesmen, hinting darkly at conspiracies, just as South Korea's previous

Luis Enrique's comment did,

Joaquin, the 20-year-old winger

South Korea's Dutch coach Guus Hiddink, who had coaching

"Spain didn't take advantage of the inexperience of my team and

way for Spanish captain Fernando Hierro to finish his international Hierro, 34, announced before the

"No one can take away my pride at having worn the national team

Galaxy of harmony

blamed each other when the team lost in the semifinals to Nigeria. Romario often got special treat-

ment, slacking off on training or griping when he didn't start. When Scolari passed over Romario for this year's World Cup team despite a national campaign to draft him, he said the team couldn't revolve around one player -- a pointed reference to the way Vasco da

and discredited group was Scolari's biggest challenge when he took command in June of last year. Brazil was mired in its worst Cup qualifying ever, humiliated by Honduras in the Copa America and slumping in FIFA's world ranking. Scolari formed his team with a

But Scolari said it wasn't entirely auesswork.

to take the heat for his players.

Resides he added a coach has

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Ronaldo openly feuded, then punch, it's a sign of weakness," he

Gama gears its game to Romario.

Building a team from a disparate

core of athletes he knew personally, weighing integrity as much as talent. And he promised incredulous Brazilians that his team not only would qualify but would reach the final four, or better.

Today he seems like a visionary.

"I have some experience in soccer," he said modestly. "I knew it by working with this group every day, in the face of each one. We had some baggage, and we were determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past.'

"If I don't stick my chin out for the

said. "I have to join the battle." Scolari, an avuncular former fullback known as Felipao, or "Big Phil" in Portuguese, calls his group a 'family." And the family approach has brought out the best in his

Rivaldo, the target of criticism that he saves his best for Barcelona and doesn't deliver on the national team, has blossomed under Scolari's patience and faith. With five goals, he leads the race for the Cup's Golden Boot alongside Ronaldo and Germany's Miroslav

Klose.

"We are friends, and he gives of himself totally," said Scolari. "Beyond his scoring and technical quality he has added something extra to his game, and it will stay

with him for the rest of his life. Even Ronaldo, the team's biggest star, has changed under Scolari. "He's not the same player he was

reference, a leader technically, and becoming a leader off the field. Ronaldinho, the 22-year-old star of Paris Saint-Germain, got the

in '98," Scolari said. "He's a point of

message. "In difficult moments we all try to help each other," he said. "I never thought about being the best player or the high scorer. I just want to help with whatever I can contribute and go home as a world champion.

closely fought game that was one of

the most entertaining goalless

draws in normal time you will get to

see. Both teams played flowing

open football. But neither team's

strikers were in their element

Saturday, Hakan Sukur in particular

had a poor game, and looks well

past his sell-by date. He constantly

wasted all the good work of the

TV angle

out of play before Joaquin had

crossed. When it clearly had not. Curiously, these chances all came during Korea's best spell in the game, as they went on the offensive to try and win the game before penalties. Lee Chun-soo, the substitute, was having a very good game. Morientes was denied once more in extra-time, but this time under less suspicious circumstances, as his innovative lob bounced back off the upright. You could tell it was not going to be Spain's day. Luck was just not on their side, and you cannot win tiebreakers without luck. Credit must be given to the Koreans for keeping their cool and giving Casillas no chance to save the penalties. The Spaniards themselves took very good penalties. Until Joaquin stepped up. It is simply unjust that he turned out to be the villain Saturday. He had easily been the best player on the pitch from either side throughout the 120 minutes. The Real Betis youngster is one of the hottest talents in Europe, and hopefully, this experience will toughen him up. He may have been the villain Saturday, but remember the name, because he will be one of the real superstars of the future. Spain maintain their reputation as underachievers, and Korea go on, continuing to overachieve.

Senegal's dream finally ended against Turkey. The West Africans put up another splendid fight in a

brilliant Turkish midfield trio of Sas, Basturk and Umit. The Senegalese's failure to score was more down to some good defending by Turkey, in particular Alpay. Still, you cannot help but feel the Senegal players at times tend to overcook things, going for one too many shimmy, or one too many pass, instead of finishing when the opportunity presents itself. This is the principal reason El Hadji Diouf, despite all his good work, goes home from the World Cup without a single goal to his name. Scoring goals calls for ruthlessness in front of goal, and we got a perfect example of that with Ilhan Mansiz's golden goal. You could see from the moment the ball was played in from the wing, there was only one thing on the young striker's mind, and that was to finish first time. And he did that in style. Turkey play Brazil now, and you may expect the Brazilians to throw them out, but this is a World Cup that has taught us to expect the unexpected. So keep your money in your pocket.

Classy custodians save from Spain's Joaquin on

Lee has not received anything like the attention of the outfield players but he also made a great save to deny Italy's Gennaro Gattuso a golden goal winner in the second round and, like many in his

Saturday enabled Hong Myung-bo

to shoot the co-hosts in the semi-

position before him, is something of an unsung hero. Korea's semi-final opponents Germany have yet to be involved in penalties but remain hugely grateful to their goalkeeper and captain

Oliver Kahn. The 33-year-old Bayern Munich giant has looked solid throughout, but was at his best in the 1-0 quarterfinal victory over the United

The coaches and players of both

sides were united in their praise for

Kahn, proclaiming his performance

as the decisive factor. "We knew we would have to have a brilliant Oliver Kahn if we were to go a long way in this World Cup and that's what we've had." Germany coach Rudi Voeller said.

Kahn's opposite number Brad

Friedel also praised the German

having himself produced probably

the most impressive all-round

displays of any keeper at the tourna-

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Friedel saved two penalties -against South Korea and Poland -in the group stage and was a rock at the back as he made a major contribution to the Americans' progress to

Goalkeepers have often been seen as the weak link in the Brazilian team but present incumbent Marcos saved them from probable defeat in their first game against Turkey and, apart from his

has been faultless. Others have not been so fortunate and, as is so often the case with the last line of defence, their mis

metre free kick go in above his head for Brazil's winning goal in the

bizarre inability to take goal kicks,

takes have proved costly. England's David Seaman was inconsolable after he somehow allowed Ronaldinho's hopeful 35

quarters. Seaman, approaching his 39th birthday. looked as if his feet were in concrete as he failed to move quickly enough to make what should have been a straightforward save.

It was the second time England

have paid a high price for hanging

on to an ageing keeper after 40-

year-old Peter Shilton moved

equally slowly when Andreas

Brehme's deflected free kick looped

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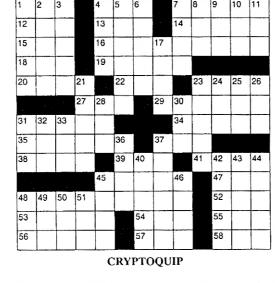
England had been the beneficiaries in the previous round when only the strange workings of FIFA committees denied Denmark keeper Thomas Sorensen an own goal after he flipped Rio Ferdinand's tame header over the line and allowed an Emile Heskey shot to go

straight under his dive. Jose Luis Chilavert's supposedly triumphant return after missing Paraguay's first game through suspension was a huge disappoint-

Looking overweight and unfit, he performed poorly, particularly in the 3-1 group defeat by Spain, and, at 37 next month, might also consider

calling it a day. Spain were the beneficiaries of an embarrassing display by South Africa's Andre Arendse -- a surprise choice ahead of Hans Vonk, who gifted goals to Raul and Gaizka

Mendieta. However, even Arendse looked good in comparison with Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al-Deayea. It would be unfair to blame him for all 12 goals his team conceded in their three first round games -- just about half of them.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY WAS NIGHT BASEBALL CREATED? IS IT BECAUSE BATS OPT

TO SLEEP DURING THE DAY? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D The Cryptoquip 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.

Golden Boot

FROM PAGE 16 similar position following his knee

Ronaldo is now a doubtful starter

The latter thus has even more

CUP CORNER

FROM PAGE 13 promote his town on an island some 500 kilometres (300 miles) southwest of Tokyo and accessible only by boat or a bridge. "The town is considering changing the name of Tsuna Soccer Stadium to 'England football field.'" Jiji Press said.

"Also the mayor has contacted the Football Association, saying: 'I want to erect statues of Beckham, (Michael) Owen and coach (Sven-Goran) Eriksson'," the report added. "Maybe future members of the Japanese national team would be raised

nere," Kashiwagi said **HOULLIER BACKS RONALDO & CO**

Ronaldo will take Brazil to their fifth World Cup, wiping out his nightmare of four years ago in Paris, Liverpool coach Gerard Houllier has predicted. The Frenchman remains convinced that the two years of injury probems that has seen the Brazilian star sidelined could prove to be a blessing

Daily Telegraph. "And, if it happens, the injury clouds that have hung over him for years may be seen as having a silver lining.' "What I mean is that inactivity may have helped him to achieve prime condition now, while other stars have wilted.

"What a list they make: Zidane, Figo, Vieri, Inzaghi, Buffon, Veron,

"The prospect of a happy ending, four years after he lost in Paris after

being taken to hospital on the morning of the final, is there," he told the

Crespo, Batistuta, Thuram. They would cost a quarter of a billion, and yet, ike Beckham, they have gone home. "I think we are now seeing the consequences of squeezing a World Cup nto the month of June, so soon after the European season ended. "The crazy calendar, which dictated that the World Cup should begin

only 16 days after the Champions League final, has caused so many of the

Houllier said England, Italy and Argentina, with many of their players olaying in top European leagues, were also disadvantaged. Countries like Turkey and Senegal, he continued, prospered as many of their players came from smaller clubs with easier schedules

Brazil were an exception because of the injuries their players were

"Ronaldo missed most of the season, Rivaldo a fair amount; even

Ronaldinho did not get under way at PSG until the autumn because of a

contract wrangle with Gremio and, even then, was left out of matches

because the French club's coach did not rate him. READY FOR ANYTHING

Germany might be penalised by refereeing mistakes when they face cohosts South Korea in Tuesday's World Cup semi-final but will not let that affect them, captain Oliver Kahn has said. "We may have one or two refereeing decisions against us," said the Germany goalkeeper, who has been instrumental in the triple champions' run to the last four.

et it demoralise us. If we have a goal disallowed, we must concentrate on

"That's normal. It's called home advantage. If it happens, we must not