REUTERS, Yokhohama

All six officials for the World Cup semifinals on Tuesday and Wednesday are from Europe following widespread criticism of inexperienced linesman and referees at the tournament.

The likelihood now is that Italy's Pierluigi Collina, generally accepted as the best referee in the world, will run the final in Yokohama on June 30.

The vastly-experienced Urs Meier of Switzerland will referee the Germany v South Korea match in Seoul and Kim Milton Nielsen of Denmark takes charge for the Brazil v Turkey game in Saitama, FIFA said.

Their appointments show FIFA has heeded complaints that poor decisions by inexperienced officials, who came from outside the traditional soccer hot-beds of Europe and South America, cost the likes of Spain and Italy dearly at the finals.

Collina, 42, from Viareggio, has already refereed two matches at the finals including the highlight clash of the first round which ended in a 1-0 group F win for England over Argentina.

He also handled co-hosts Japan's exit 1-0 at the hands of semifinalists Turkey in the second round in Miyaki.

The Italian was named the best referee in the world for the fourth time in January. His impressive CV of top matches includes refereeing the 1996 Olympic final won by Nigeria.

England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson summed up his appeal: "Collina, he is a guarantee -- I guess he's one of the best, if not the best referee, in the world today."

WC awards

REUTERS, Yokohama

The most entertaining team at the World Cup finals will receive an award at the end of the month-long tournament for the first time.

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said five awards will be given out after the final on June 30 in

- Golden Shoe Award for the top goalscorer. If two or more players finish with the same number of goals, their "assists" will be counted to separate them.

- Golden Ball for the most outstanding player, voted for by media

- Fair Play Award to the team with least bookings and red cards. The team's general behaviour will also be taken into consideration. At present Belgium narrowly lead . Sweden.

- Award for the most entertaining team, which will be voted for by fans on the FIFAworldcup.com website.

- Yashin Award for best goalkeeper. Named after late Russian goalkeeper Lev Yashin, this will be decided by FIFA's Technical Study

Ronaldo trains

and Germany's Miroslav Klose.

But he is not worried if one of the others beats him to the Golden Boot as long as Brazil win the event to make up for their 3-0 final loss four years ago to France.

"I am not worried about being top scorer - I just want to get as many goals as possible to help Brazil win the World Cup. That is all I'm think-

ing about at the moment." Meanwhile in another scare for Brazil, goalkeeper Marcos limped

out of the training session after colliding with his teammate Edilson. However doctor Runco played

down the incident and said there was no question of Marcos missing the semi-final. "We took him off as a precaution. He's got a bruise on his thigh but he's fine," Runco said.

Juninho Paulista is likely to win a place back in the starting lineup in place of the suspended Ronaldinho. Juninho, who was dropped for the England game, played in midfield during the training session.

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Sorry for

Seaman

REUTERS, London

Brazil striker Ronaldinho says he

was saddened to see David Seaman in tears after England's

World Cup quarter-final defeat and

hopes his winning goal would not

damage the England goalkeeper's

was pictured weeping after the 2-1

defeat last Friday, blaming himself

for conceding Ronaldinho's goal

those images of Seaman crying on the television," Ronaldinho was

quoted as saying in Monday's Daily

Mirror. "I have been a great admirer

of him for a long time. He is a great

player with a great past. It would be

their thoughts about him because of

lowering his reputation because he

doesn't deserve that. I don't want

miracle of the Han (River)" -- a

phrase often used to define Korea's

economic ascent from the sheer

trying to use another global sporting

event as a chance to bolster the

country's recovery from the agonies

of the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis.

To prepare for the soccer tourna-

"These construction activities

ment, 10 brand new stadiums have

been built in 10 venue cities, includ-

ing the largest football-only stadium

surely must have helped buttress

domestic demand, which, next to

China, proved the most resilient in

Asia," Jim O'Neil, an economist at

Committee forecast that simply

Korea's World Cup Organising

Goldman Sachs, said in a report.

Fourteen years later, they are

ashes of the 1950-53 Korean War.

"I don't want to be responsible for

Pride of Asia

one isolated moment like that.

that on my conscience.

a terrible mistake if people changed

"I really was very sad when I saw

from a long-range free kick.

England number one Seaman

FORGET THE PAST, CONCENTRATE ON FUTURE: Turkey coach Senol Gunes tries to make his boys understand something during a practice session at Komaba Stadium near Saitama yesterday. Turkey take on Brazil, who have already beaten them in the first round, in the second semifinal tomorrow.

Want the Cup only

Brazil striker Ronaldo insists the hard work he has put in to recover from serious knee injuries can have a happy ending with him helping his country to land a fifth World Cup.

Invited to make a television appearance Sunday evening as part of the tournament's 'FIFA World Cup this week' show in Saitama, where Brazil are preparing to face Turkey in Wednesday's semi-final, Ronaldo said he hopes to be back in time from a thigh muscle injury.

"I have played a lot of games and as you may know I wasn't able to play for a couple of years," Ronaldo said in allusion to his struggles to overcome career-threatening knee

"It's hard work - but I have three more days to get better," said the 25year-old, who went off after an hour in Friday's win over England. Insisting he fully intended to be

involved against the Turks, Ronaldo added that "I am going to give absolutely everything for this World Cup." The Inter Milan star's five goals

have been instrumental in taking the South Americans through to the last four and he netted against the Turks

in his side's opening group match. Ronaldo was pleased to be asked about his son Ronald by 60 young fans drawn from the four semi-finalists: Brazil, Turkey, South Korea and Germany.

"I'm really happy they are interested in him," he said.

Ronaldo is facing stiff competition from teammate Rivaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose for the golden boot as top goalscorer at the event - all three have five goals to But he is not worried if one of the

others beats him to it as long as Brazil win the event to make up for heir 3-0 final loss four years ago to "I am not worried about being top

scorer - I just want to get as many goals as possible to help Brazil win the World Cup

man squad, has been dropped after

his blunder in the England-Brazil

clash when he allowed Ronaldinho

to lob him with a 30-yard freekick to

England had boasted seven in

The All-Star team, sponsored by

the original squad but have been

reduced to three -Sol Campbell,

David Beckham and Michael Owen.

Mastercard who will donate 300,000

World Cup feature since the 1990

The final 11 will be named after

dollars to UINCEE has been a

Across the border

World Cup co-host South Korea has

used loudspeakers to broadcast live

its World Cup triumphs across its

heavily fortified frontier with North

Korea, the only country on earth

being shielded from soccer's big-

which has bisected the peninsula

since the Korean War ended in 1953

has long been an arena of high-

between the capitalist South and the

southern speakers last week was spirited soccer commentary as

South Korea defeated first Italy and

then Spain to become the first Asian

side ever to reach the World Cup

semi-finals, the Defence Ministry

But the sound pulsating from

The Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)

propaganda competition

score the match winner.

World Cup in Italy.

the semi-finals.

REUTERS, Seoul

gest festival

communist North.

"This is the main goal."

Phenomenal

Ronaldo's done it the quickest. He's also tried the most. And he doesn't seem to want others to have a go.

If statistics are anything to go by, the Brazilian striker stands the best chance of winning the Golden Boot for the top scorer at the World Cup.

But teammate Rivaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose -- tied with Ronaldo with five goals each -will be hoping they come up trumps. Ronaldo's five goals came in 392

minutes of play. He's had 20 shots,

14 of which were on target. He didn't have a single assist. Klose's five came in 419 minutes. He had 14 shots -- 8 on target -

and two assists Rivaldo's five came in 430 minutes. Like Klose, he had 14 shots, 8

on target, but only one assist. Rivaldo has remarkably scored a goal in every game so far, and is also Brazil's penalty taker. One of his goals came from the spot -- and

another from a free kick. Klose can lay claim to having scored all his goals without using either foot, and only his head.

One thing's for certain, though. The Golden Boot is heading for Brazil or Germany, unless Turkey's Urmit Davala or South Korea's Ahn Jung-hwan -- who have two goals each alongside Brazil's Ronaldinho -- get an avalanche of goals in the rest of the tournament

True colours

AFP, Yokohama:

expansion.

percent rise last year

Brazil will be back in their traditional yellow for Wednesday's semi-final against Turkey after an outing in deep blue against England.

South Korea switch back to their first choice strip of red shirts and blue shorts to meet Germany after ousting Spain in white.

such as tax breaks and budget

to 5.7 percent in 2002 after a three

dous energy is gushing out of Korean people," President Kim

Dae-jung said on Monday during a

meeting with foreign investors

including the chairman of Credit

Lyonnais Securities Asia, Gary

Korea's strategic location.

The president stressed South

"Korea is now making a jump out

to the world. Foreign companies,

wanting to advance to China, Japan

and Russia, can make a win-win

Institute estimated that each victory

Hyundai Economic Research

story by joining hands with Korea."

Growth is forecast to accelerate

"With the World Cup, a tremen-

inspirational coach -- all have been used to explain how South Korea have become the first Asian team to reach the last four of a World Cup.

REUTERS, Seoul

No-one who has experienced the 'red noise' of the home crowds, seen video replays of some of the refereeing decisions or noted the way in which the players respond to the exhortations of their Dutch coach

Guus Hiddink, could dismiss the

Luck, home advantage and an

importance of these factors. But nor can it be denied that South Korea have radically changed the face of Asian football in this tournament, offering an approach that is sure to become a model for other aspiring soccer nations across the globe.

South Korea, who have beaten Poland, Portugal, Italy and Spain so far, are easily the best Asian football team ever and arguably the strongest side to have emerged from outside the traditional strongholds of the game in Europe and South America.

Before them, Cameroon reached the quarter-final in 1990 beating Argentina, Romania and Colombia before losing, after a highly dubious penalty award, to England in extratime of their last eight tie.

But while the African side, who had been crushed 4-0 by the Soviet Union in the group stage, were a team brimming with talent, they were hampered by indiscipline -- not something Hiddink has had to worry

Tangun spirit

between the national team and the

Tangun legend. Named the Taeguk

warriors, after the flag, coach Guus

Hiddink's team have a philosophy

very much reminiscent of the sacri-

fice of the bear. And, as has already

been demonstrated in their incredi-

ble, unprecedented run overcoming

powers like Portugal, Italy and

Spain, the Taeguk Warriors play like

FROM PAGE 13 FINAL GROUP STANDINGS

1. Germany

3. Cameroon

4. Saudi Arabia

SECOND ROUND

2. Ireland

Four years ago in France, Iran and Japan appeared to present a new wave of promise for Asian football.

Success mystery

The Iranians had players like Karim Bagheri, Khodadad Azizi and Ali Daei all with experience of top flight football in Germany's Bundesliga, while Japan's Hidetoshi Nakata was on the brink of a move to Italy's Serie A.

But neither side were able to progress beyond the group stage and while there was no doubt that they were closing the gap in terms of technique there was still something lacking.

Exactly what that missing ingredient was has only really been truly understood with South Korea's success. Hiddink's side play the game at

pace, they close down their opponents, and crucially, they are as hard and aggressive as any European side. The Dutchman has made no

secret of the fact that he has installed some bite and a necessary bit of badness to his team

"I've been a little bit mean to them to give them examples. Sometimes in training I did mean things to them. And nobody reacts," he said.

"Then after five minutes I came back and asked, 'You accept what I did? You accept what I did?' I got angry that they accepted me being mean. I told them they have to be mean as well," the Dutchman said Add that attitude to an impres-

sive overall fitness-level, strong

tigers, with a disconcerting high-

tempo pressure game. But perhaps

most importantly, there is a real

belief among the people, the "Red

Devils" that their team can succeed.

With Tangun in mind, and the gods

on their side, who is to say that

Korea won't be crowned world

champions. Surely, then the tale

would have to be told by Hollywood.

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discipline and a sophisticated approach to tactics and it is clear why the Koreans are different from any Asian side before them.

Hiddink's team play a 3-2-3-2 formation with Yoo Sang-chul and Kim Nam-il the lynchpins of the midfield, ensuring the defence is never over-exposed and they close down the vital zone between the backline and the midfield, the socalled 'second wave' area in which opposition playmakers look to

Players of the quality of Italy's Francesco Totti and Spain's Juan Carlos Valeron found it hard to gain much room for movement in that area and while South Korea's strength is collective rather than ndividual, the contribution of Yoo has been crucial.

A compact and tidy player, Yoo is more than just a 'holding man' -- he dictates the play from his deep position, prompting the attacks while maintaining an impressive positional sense and reading of the game that suggest not all Korea's success has been imported by In attack Ahn Jung-hwan enjoys

a largely free role, frequently pulling out wide to stretch the defence and leaving gaps for attacking midfielders Lee Young-pyo and Park Ji-sung to move into.

Enrique bids



FROM PAGE 16

of having played for both of Spain's most glamorous clubs. He spent five seasons at Real Madrid before transferring to arch rivals Barcelona in 1996 and hard core Madrid fans have still never forgiven him.

A headstrong player, particularly in his younger days, he has been sent off many times throughout his career and is often jeered by fans wherever he plays in Spain. His titles include Olympic gold on

home soil in 1992, the European Cup Winners Cup, three Spanish league titles and three Spanish Cup

Ready to roar

FROM PAGE 16 programme, placing sniper squads

and trucks with anti-biochemical gear at the Seoul stadium where the semi-final is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. (1130 GMT). "Police, obviously, have to con-

trol the crowd, so they are putting on more police officers, but for our military side, this is just another game," a ministry official said. 'You've seen our people, they even clean up after themselves.

"We are not planning any extra precautionary measures, unless police ask us specifically to help them." he added. "Missiles and snipers are always there.' About 100 people suffered minor

injuries during street festivals on Saturday and three people died when a truck driven by a teenager hit a street lamp.

"We are worried about these incidents," the police officer said.

The Defence Ministry has said

there were no signs South Korea's stadiums had been targeted by terrorist organisations during the tournament, which began on May 31 and ends with the final in the Japanese city of Yokohama on June

CUP CORNER

FROM PAGE 13 Cup final match and attend the tournament's closing ceremony, his office said Monday.

city near the Japanese capital where the championship match and closing ceremony will be held later in the day, chief presidential spokeswoman Park Sun-sook said. During his three-day stay in Japan, Kim also will meet Japanese Prime

Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Tokyo on Monday and pay a courtesy call on Emperor Akihito on Tuesday, she said. The Japanese emperor was invited to attend the World Cup's opening

ceremony in Seoul on May 31, but Tokyo instead sent his cousin, Prince Takamado, and Takamado's wife, Princess Hisako Koizumi visited Seoul on May 31 to watch the Cup's opening match

Also on Monday, Korean Air said it will give some 350 South Korean soccer fans -- members of the "Red Devils" support club -- a free ride to Japan if South Korea advances to the championship match.

TURKS REUNITED

they flew in to Japan to encourage the side in their World Cup semi-final against favourites Brazil on Wednesday.

fied for the second round but cancelled the idea when they realised the logistical problems and their uncertain programme. Turkish staff said the wives, including coach Senol Gunes's wife Semra, would not be staving in the same Saitama hotel as the team but in

nearby Tokyo. WET SEMI REUTERS, Seoul

Cloudy weather conditions are forecast for Tuesday's World Cup semifinal

between South Korea and Germany and there is an outside chance of

be decreasing by the end of the day," an official from the Korea The match kicks off at 8:30 p.m. (1130 GMT), with both sides saying

A spokesman for the German team told South Korea's SportToday newspaper on Sunday that rain could help them. "If it rains, the speed of the ball's roll will increase, and that's good for

The 24-year-old's 16 goals in 31 games for Kaiserslautern last season were, however, enough to attract the attention of Germany coach Rudi Voller - who knew a thing or two about centre forwards

a World Cup winner's medal in 1990. Now Klose has 13 goals in just 17 international appearances - a long way off Muller's record 68 in 62 but a

after his 47 goals for his country and

Klose made his international debut on March 21 last year, barely six months after his Bundesliga bow, scoring two minutes from time for Germany in a 2-1 win over Albania.

He's been finding the net ever since.

A dream World Cup debut against Saudi Arabia saw him net a hattrick with Bernd Schneider, Muichael Ballack and Christian Ziege firing over an endless supply of crosses tailor-made for a forward very much in the mould of Voller's erstwhile partner Jurgen

game. It's crazy, it's a dream," said Klose afterwards. He had already scored trebles in

warm-up matches against Israel and Austria.

German newspapers have since been full of "everyone wants Klose" stories with anybody and everybody from Bayern Munich and Juventus to Barcelona and Manchester United reputedly keen to sign him.

Klose says he is happy to see out his contract until 2005 as he tries manfully to keep his feet on the ground.

truth I feel just great with Kaiserslautern and that's why I'd like to stay with the 'Red Devils'." he insisted in an internet diary he is

Now, ironically, different Red Devils stand in his way. Those of South Korea in Tuesday's semi-final.

keeping for German fans.

Win or lose, the striker's rise to fame has been nothing short of meteoric as he bamboozles defences who had expected the beefier and taller Carsten Jancker to provide the chief airborne threat.

Just over three years ago he was 'starring" for seventh division amateurs Blaubach-Diedelkopf before eventually heading for Kaiserslautern's amateurs.

Once in the first team, he soon found the route to goal with nine goals in his first season.

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All-star samba

team come from the semi-finalists. with Brazil leading the way with six

Co-hosts South Korea have four players and Germany and Turkey three apiece in the list reduced from

Brazil's triple Ronaldo and Ronaldinho offer the possibility of a mouth-watering strike force if they make the final 11

goalkeeper Marcos and defenders

Cup semi-final.

Kahn, midfielder Michael Ballack and striker Miroslav Klose are the

Turkey are represented by 'keeper Rustu Recber, defender Alpay Ozalan and striker Hasan

Nearly half of the 33 players in the squad for the World Cup All-Star

the original 53.

selected by FIFA's technical study

Korea's hopefuls for the final all-

star team are headed by captain Hong Myung Bo and goalkeeper Lee Woon-Jae who was the Korean hero when they beat Spain in a penalty shoot-out to become the first Asian team to reach a World

Midfielder Yoo-Sang-Chul and

only Germans with a chance of making the final 11.

English goalkeeper David

The other three Brazilians are

Roberto Carlos and captain Cafu.

striker Ahn Jung-Hwan make up the German keeper and captain Ollie

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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. ing for wet conditions.

in the World Cup would enhance the hosting the tournament would result corporate images of South Korea's in a 8.8 trillion won windfall and 100 biggest companies by one create 350,000 jobs, the report said. percentage point, which in money South Korea. Asia's third largest terms amounted to a combined \$10 economy, has outperformed the region during the recent global

"As the business hub of Asia, the slowdown by making full use of all environment for foreign investment the levers of economic policy. in Korea is improving drastically," including pump-priming measures said President Kim said boldly.

Kim plans to fly to Tokyo early Sunday and travel to Yokohama, a port

between defending champion France and Senegal and attend its opening

REUTERS. Saitama

Turkey players reunited with their wives and girlfriends on Monday after Turkey had planned to bring wives to join the players after they quali-

"We have from 20 to 30 per cent chance of showers, but the chance will Meteorological Administration said on Monday they are ready for wet conditions.

us," the spokesman was quoted as saying. However, South Korea coach Guus Hiddink told newspapers that some rain would favour his team's style, adding that he had been prepar-

June 15, in Sogwipo, South Korea Germany - 1 (Oliver Neuville 88) Paraguay - 0 QUARTERFINAL June 21, in Ulsan, South Korea Germany -1 (Michael Ballack 39) United States - 0

Group Stage, South Korea June 4, in Pusan, South Korea outh Korea - 2 (Hwang Sun-hong 26, Yoo Sang-chul 53) Poland - 0 June 10, in Taegu, South Korea South Korea - 1 (Ahn Jung-hwan 79) United States - 1 (Clint Mathis 24)

June 14, in Inchon, South Korea South Korea 1 (Park Ji-sung 70) Portugal - 0 **FINAL GROUP STANDINGS**

1. South Korea 2 United States 3. Portugal 4. Poland SECOND ROUND June 18, in Taejon, South Korea

South Korea - 2 (Seol Ki-hyeon 88, Ahn Jung-hwan 116) Italy - 1 (Christian Vieri 18) QUARTERFINAL June 22, in Kwangju, South Korea South Korea - 0

(South Korea won 5-3 on penalties) **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** 1994-Germany 3 South Korea 2-World Cup-US PREVIOUS WORLD CUP APPEARANCES:

1970, 1974 (champions), 1978 1982, 1986,1990 (champions), 1994, South Korea: 1954, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998. South Korea are the first Asian side to reach the semifinals. Tuesday's game will be the 61st of 64 matches at this year's

Germany: 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954 (champions), 1958, 1962, 1966,

Air Klose!

leap like the proverbial salmon and hang longer in the air than his oppo-

done little to suggest that he would be the man to follow in the prolific footsteps of the likes of Gerd Muller and Karl-Heinz Rummeniage.

But Klose, who only moved to

Germany aged nine, had previously

solid start nonetheless

Klinsmann. "A hattrick in my first World Cup

"How many times do I have to say I am not thinking of a transfer? In

The rest is history. But a winning goal against the

the final would write another exciting chapter in the life of Germany's made-in-Poland star.

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