

SCORING CHART

AFP, Seoul

World Cup scorers after Saturday's match:  
6- Ronaldo (BRA).  
5- Miroslav Klose (GER), Rivaldo (BRA).

4- Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN), Christian Vieri (ITA).  
3- Michael Ballack (GER), Pape Bouba Diop (SEN), Ilhan (TUR), Robbie Keane (IRL), Henrik Larsson (SWE), Fernando Morientes (SPA), Pauleta (POR), Raul (SPA), Marc Wilmots (BEL).  
2- Ahn Jung-Hwan (KOR), Jared Borgetti (MEX), Henri Camara (SEN), Nelson Cuevas (PAR), Landon Donovan (USA), Fernando Hierro (SPA), Ronald Gomez (CRC), Hassan Sas (TUR), Junichi Inamoto (JPN), Brian McBride (IRL), Michael Owen (ENG), Ronaldinho (BRA), Umit Davala (TUR).

- 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), Sebastian Cimirotic (SLO), Hernan Crespo (ARG), Alessandro Del Piero (ITA), Agustin Delgado (ECU), Salif Diao (SEN), Damien Duff (IRL), Edmilson (BRA), Emre Belozoglu (TUR), Samuel Eto'o (CMR), Khalillou Fadiga (SEN), Rio Ferdinand (ENG), Diego Forlan (URU), Quinton Fortune (RSA), Hakan Sukur (TUR), Emile Heskey (ENG), Matt Holland (IRL), Hwang Sun-Hong (KOR), Carsten Jancker (GER), Junior (BRA), Valery Karpin (RUS), Pawel Kryszalowiec (POL), Lee Eul-Yong (KOR), Thomas Linke (GER), Clint Mathis (USA), Benedict McCarthy (RSA), Edison Mendez (ECU), Gaizka Mendietia (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 (KOR), Winston Parks (CRC), Patrick Mboma (CMR), Lucas Radebe (RSA), Milan Rapacic (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 (BEL), Song Chong-Gug (KOR), Takayuki Suzuki (JPN), 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 (KOR), Marcin Zewlakow (POL).

Faith rests

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T-shirt has fallen by 90 percent in three weeks.

"I didn't think Brazil would get this far. But I'm happy that I can now buy my T-shirt for a real cheap price," said Wagner Faria, a 38-year-old engineer, taking advantage of the price deflation.

Alongside Rio de Janeiro's famed Copacabana beach, fans have painted sand sculptures of the whole Brazilian squad and their coach, "Big Phil" Scolari. Few players can be recognised except for Ronaldo, whose new half-shaven head makes the striker easy to identify.

In the upscale Barra de Tijuca district with its trendy shopping malls and villas, even the U.S. Statue of Liberty is making its choice obvious. Standing at the gates of the "New York City" entertainment centre, Lady Liberty wears an oversized yellow and green T-shirt atop its trademark tunic.

Hosts organising the traditional Alzirao after game party in Rio are expecting 40,000 people on Sunday. If Brazil wins, they say the Samba-beat fuelled party will last into Monday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Rooster's crown  
5 Harem room  
8 "Casa-blanca" role  
12 Jai —  
13 Pirate's drink  
14 In due course  
15 Affix one's X  
16 Sticky stuff  
17 Between assignments  
18 Baffler  
20 Job history  
22 Sea eagle  
23 Singer  
24 "Metamorphoses" poet  
27 Started a paragraph  
32 Proscarpion  
33 Meet a bet, at poker  
34 Make a mistake  
35 Obligated  
38 "An apple — ..."

DOWN  
1 Docket  
2 Lena or Ken  
3 Bethlehem visitors  
4 Went on a jag  
5 Church musician  
6 Pair  
7 Cupid's area  
8 Hans-berry  
9 Drafted  
10 Actor  
11 Banjo  
12 support?  
13 Magoo's honorific  
14 Actress  
15 Arden  
16 CBS  
17 emblem  
18 Catches some rays  
19 CBS  
20 emblem  
21 Catches some rays  
22 CBS  
23 emblem  
24 Catches some rays  
25 Sapporo sash  
26 Pianist  
27 Cilburn  
28 Accused of a crime  
29 Born  
30 Devote completely  
31 Historic period  
32 Unintere-sling  
33 Restau-rant  
34 ASCAP clientele  
35 ASCAP counter-part  
36 Kitchen-ware?  
37 Musical note  
38 Skier's mecca  
39 Erstwhile Peruvian  
40 Relocate  
41 En-lai  
42 Scarecrow companion  
43 Billions of years  
44 Bob's long-time partner

Solution time: 28 mins.

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GOLD AND GREEN

Following are the penpix of the probable Brazilian team:



MARCOS: GOALKEEPER, AGE: 28, 22 CAPS, 0 GOALS. CLUB: PALMEIRAS (BRA)

Brazil's goalkeepers have often been the weakest link in their team but Marcos has been a reassuring figure throughout this tournament. May have gone down too early when Michael Owen scored for England in the quarter-final but has otherwise not been at fault on the four goals Brazil have conceded. Established himself as Luiz Felipe Scolari's first-choice

keeper after Dida was relegated to the reserves at AC Milan.

CAFU: RIGHT WINGBACK, 32, 110 CAPS, 5 GOALS. AS ROMA (ITA)

The oldest and most experienced member of Brazil's squad and something of a father figure to the younger players, Cafu will become the first man to play in three World Cup finals when he walks on to the pitch on Sunday. At 32 still has the pace to get back into position after his surging runs forward and was unlucky not to score in the semi-final against Turkey. May consider retiring from international football after the final but has signed up with AS Roma until 2005.

LUCIO: CENTRAL DEFENDER, 24, 22 CAPS, 0 GOALS. BAYER LEVERKUSEN (GER)

Outstanding in the Champions League as his German club made it to the final, central defender Lucio has often been criticised at home for what is seen as an inelegant style with no place in the Brazilian tradition. His defensive qualities are not in doubt although it was his mistake that allowed Michael Owen to score for England in the quarterfinal.

ROQUE JUNIOR: CENTRAL DEFENDER, 25, 23 CAPS, 2 GOALS. AC MILAN (ITA)

Forced his way into Scolari's plans despite not being a regular first team player at his Italian club. Much-criticised at home despite the team's success and regarded as the weakest element of the Brazilian defence. But of the central defensive trio is probably the best at carrying the ball forward and launching counter-attacks.

EDMILSON: CENTRAL DEFENDER, 25, 18 CAPS, 1 GOAL. LYON (FRA)

Composed and elegant centreback who is also capable of playing in the holding role in midfield. A regular for his club Lyon as they won the French title this year, he has established himself as one of Scolari's first-choice players having started the tournament as second fiddle to Anderson Polga.

ROBERTO CARLOS: LEFT WINGBACK, 29, 90 CAPS, 7 GOALS. REAL MADRID (SPA)

Undeniably the world's best left-sided wingback, Roberto Carlos in full flow is one of the most exciting sights in football. Like Cafu, knows when he has to put the work in defensively, as he did in subduing David Beckham in the quarterfinal against England. Known for his spectacular free-kicks

but, apart from one that whistled into the back of the net against China, has been generally wayward with his shooting.

KLEBERSON: MIDFIELDER, 23, 10 CAPS, 2 GOALS. ATLETICO PARANAENSE (BRA)

Possibly the lowest-profile member of the team. Shares defensive responsibilities in midfield with Gilberto Silva, allowing Ronaldinho to surge forward. Tough tackling has helped keep him in the side at the expense of Juninho, but is also capable of getting forward. Looks set for a move to Europe in the near term.

GILBERTO SILVA: MIDFIELDER, 25, 13 CAPS, 3 GOALS. ATLETICO MINEIRO (BRA)

The holding player in the Brazilian midfield earned his place in the side after an outstanding season with his club. Unspectacular but regarded as a key player by Scolari because of the role he plays in ensuring the three-man defence does not get exposed on counter-attacks. Has played every minute of all six matches Brazil have

RONALDINHO: MIDFIELDER, 22, 29 CAPS, 12 GOALS. PARIS ST-GERMAIN (FRA)

Perhaps the revelation of the tournament. His exhilarating running with the ball from midfield is ideal against defences already struggling to cope with Ronaldo and Rivaldo. Was Brazil's best player against Belgium in the second round and in the quarter-final against England, when he made one goal and scored another before being sent off for a rash tackle.

Missed the semi-final as a result but will want to cap fantastic tournament with some final fireworks.

RIVALDO: FORWARD, 30, 65 CAPS, 33 GOALS. BARCELONA (SPA)

Has spectacularly confounded the critics who said he was too inconsistent to really make a mark on the World Cup. Has given every defence he has played against here serious difficulties with his instant control, shielding of the ball and consistently precise shooting. With five goals already could yet pip Ronaldo for the Golden Boot.

RONALDO: FORWARD, 25, 63 CAPS, 43 GOALS. INTER MILAN (ITA)

The story of this World Cup has been his comeback from the personal hell of France '98 and his subsequent injury nightmare to lead a triumphant, wonderfully flowing Brazilian team into the final with six games in six goals. Still not fully fit but burning with desire to eradicate those painful memories. Who would bet against him adding to his phenomenal record of 43 goals in 63 internationals?

Final party off

REUTERS, Yokohama

Germany have had to cancel the party they wanted to throw for about 2,000 fans who will support them in Sunday's World Cup final against Brazil because they could not find a hall.

"Despite our strenuous efforts to coordinate with the local authorities, we received no permission to stage the party because no place was available to have it in," Germany team spokesman Harald Stenger said.

The German supporters are invited instead to a party that will take place before Germany play the Faroe Islands in their opening Euro 2004 qualifier on October 16 in the German city of Hanover.

Goals galore

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another fantastic volley in his team's 3-2 win over Portugal - the only problem was it flew into the wrong net for one of the own goals of all time.

In the same match Brian McBride produced a brilliant flying header after meeting a Tony Sanneh cross at the back post.

Ahn Jung-Hwan cemented his status as South Korea's golden boy with his golden goal winning header over Italy - although for his own health he is unlikely to return to his Italian club Perugia after eliminating the 'Azzurri'.

There were a couple of notable deadball strikes as well, one benefiting England - the other knocking them out.

David Beckham smashed his penalty home to see off Argentina in the first phase - but Brazilian Ronaldinho, whose mazy run and pass had already set up Rivaldo for an equaliser to the predatory Michael Owen's opener, sent a swirling free-kick over keeper David Seaman's head for the winner.

"There is no way it was a shot," said a forlorn Seaman, looking back at his nightmare moment after returning home.

But at least England found the target on half a dozen occasions.

Poor old France bowed out as the defending champions and if they don't feature in the goals' gallery there's a very good reason.

They didn't score any.

Peace Korea

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Won Sung-Hyup, a 20-year-old college student among the fans in Gwanghwamun, said the military clash would not stop him turning out to support South Korea.

"I feel sorry for the incident and a little bit scared. But I think we can enjoy the World Cup," said Won.

At the end of the match owners of rival skyscrapers let off fireworks to maintain celebrations for South Korea's achievement in reaching the World Cup semi-finals - the only Asian side ever to do so.

The team will have a ticker-tape parade through central Seoul on Tuesday. But in a sign that the World Cup is over for South Korea, "Auld Lang Syne" was played at stages next to the giant screens.

And the "Be The Reds" T-shirts that have been another symbol of the football fervour have been slashed in price from a height of 10,000 won (8.25 dollars) just before South Korea were beaten in the semi-final to as little as 2,000 won before the Daegu match.

CUP CORNER

REUTERS, Berlin

Germans are hoping Pierluigi Collina, the bald Italian who will referee the World Cup final, has forgotten an ill-chosen gift the German Football Association (DFB) once gave him before a match - a hair-dryer.

The 42-year-old is in charge of Sunday's final between Germany and Brazil and several German newspapers have pointed out the embarrassing present the DFB once gave to referees.

"He is probably the most famous referee in the world, but he was apparently an unknown figure for the DFB -- it once put a hair blow-dryer in his locker as a present," the Financial Times Deutschland said on Friday.

"Hopefully Collina will forget what the DFB once gave him -- a blow-dryer," Die Welt daily added. The DFB could not be reached for comment. The hair dryer was apparently given to him in the late 1990s.

AFP, Berlin

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder won't be on the plane taking the German team back home on Monday even if they beat Brazil in Sunday's World Cup final.

The Germans hope to carry home a fourth World Cup in their luggage but Schroeder has politely rejected a German Football Federation offer to fly back on the same plane as he wants the to enjoy the limelight.

AFP, Munich

Most Germans believe their team can beat Brazil in Sunday's World Cup final in Yokohama.

An opinion poll in Munich showed 54.2 per cent of those questioned believed Rudi Voller's side would see off the Brazilian threat.

But the fans are not overly-convinced with the team's actual performance as only 12 per cent saying their level of play had been "very good".

AFP, Yokohama

Ronaldinho has been busy drumming up support for a fifth Brazilian World Cup win. The midfield star, whose free-kick beat England in the quarterfinals, has been playing the drums on the team bus on the way home from matches and even did one 'lap of honour' around the hotel lobby after the side beat Turkey to book their place in the trophy match.

AFP, Yokohama

Germany will have the oldest and the youngest players in the final with German keeper Oliver Kahn at 33 the grand-daddy of them all while his teammate, defender Christoph Metzelder, is just 21 - and thus the baby of the prospective starting line-ups.

BLACK AND WHITES

Following are the penpix of the probable Germany team:



JENS JEREMIES: MIDFIELDER, 28, 39 CAPS, 1 GOAL. BAYERN MUNICH (GER)

Has featured in all six matches but mainly coming off the bench to stiffen defensive midfield. Started against Paraguay in the second round. Jeremies is a solid though unspectacular player cast rather in the mould of France's 1998 World Cup-winning captain Didier Deschamps. He can

also play in front of the defence where needed and is one of the cogs in the more defensive part of the machine which looks to grind the life out of opposing forward lines in traditional German fashion.

DIETMAR HAMANN: MIDFIELDER, 29, 45 CAPS, 4 GOALS. LIVERPOOL (ENG)

Hamann was suspended for the win over Paraguay but has otherwise taken his place and, like Jeremies, is of the solid and dependable ilk. Likes to get forward more, however, and will try his luck from distance given the chance. Famed as the player to score the last goal at Wembley before its closure in Germany's 1-0 qualifying win over England.

BERND SCHNEIDER: MIDFIELDER, 28, 15 CAPS, 1 GOAL. BAYER LEVERKUSEN (GER)

The gifted midfielder has featured in all six matches and is one of the main reasons the Germans are here, his constant stream of crosses from the right destroying Ukraine in the qualifying play-offs. Is capable of making a stab at filling Ballack's shoes in providing ammunition for the strikers, but is

less likely to grab the entire match by the scruff of the neck.

MARCO BODE: MIDFIELDER, 32, 39 CAPS, 8 GOALS. WERDER BREMEN (GER)

Bode turns 33 in a month's time but has appeared in five matches here - though generally in a cameo role. Yet he gives Germany an option going forward down the left as he is naturally left-footed. Started in the semi-final. Will retire from international football after the World Cup. Set to get the nod ahead of Christian Ziege, who is set to lose out if Germany revert to type and play a four-man back four.

MIROSLAV KLOSE: FORWARD, 24, 18 CAPS, 13 GOALS. KAISERSLAUTERN (GER)

The fresh-faced striker has played in every match - but it was scoring five headers in the opening phase that propelled him into the headlines. A hat-trick against Saudi Arabia opened his World Cup account and a goal against Ireland and Cameroon confirmed his nose for goal. But has drawn a blank since as Germany have preferred to concentrate on not losing and sneaking wins by a single goal.

OLIVER NEUVILLE: FORWARD, 29, 35 CAPS, 3 GOALS. BAYER LEVERKUSEN (GER)

Neuville scored the goal which saw off stubborn Paraguayan resistance in the second round with a tremendous finish but he is the "joker" in the squad up front, lending extra attacking impetus so far in the closing stages of games. His surging run set up Ballack's winner in the semi-final. Like RameLOW, Neuville is motivated to land a winner's medal after three runner-up finishes this season at club level with

Of a perfect German

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Take the events of the final day of the 1999-2000 Bundesliga season. Bayer Leverkusen had dominated the whole campaign and were in line for their first German title. All they needed was a goalless draw against minnows Unterhaching.

Incredibly, they lost 2-0 and Ballack set the ball rolling with an own goal.

It was a crushing blow for Leverkusen and Ballack in particular. Indeed, it took the tall midfielder, whose elegant, powerful movement often draws comparison with Franz Beckenbauer, a full season to recover. But, just as in the World Cup semi-final, recover he did.

Last season, Ballack was faultless as Leverkusen enjoyed what was almost a dream season.

Inspiring some of the finest football seen in the Bundesliga for years, Ballack weighed in with 17 goals as his side went for glory on three fronts.

Even more impressive was the fact that he stayed on top of his game even after it was made public that he had already agreed to join rivals Bayern Munich in the summer.

Of course, there was no dream finish to his Leverkusen career. Borussia Dortmund pipped Bayer to the Bundesliga, Schalke won the German Cup final and Real Madrid proved just too good in the Champions' League.

Still, Ballack had made his mark.

At Hampden Park he would surely have been man-of-match but for a moment of match-winning brilliance from Zinedine Zidane - and it is worth noting that the 25-year-old played the latter part of the season with a badly-bruised ankle picked up in the Champions' League quarter-final win over Liverpool.

Worth noting, as Ballack was branded something of a sofly in his early career.

Such a tag seems laughable now. Though he has barely trained during the World Cup because of ongoing ankle and calf problems, without ever hitting top form he has still eclipsed the more-vaunted playmakers of France, Portugal, Argentina and England - and proved an inspiration to Germany on their unlikely march to the final.

Not only did he set up four goals in the tournament, he scored three and provided the match-winner against the USA as well as South Korea.

As for mental toughness, there can be little doubt about his single-mindedness after the events of the semi-final.

Of course, there were one or two good judges who suggested all along that Ballack had greatness in him. None other than Pele - a man who knows a thing or two about the subject - said earlier in the tournament: "He has all the ingredients to become a real superstar."

Incredibly, Ballack was still being criticised as Germany went into the second-round clash with Paraguay and it was up to his former managing director at Leverkusen, Reiner Calmund, to hit back on his behalf - and point out the number of games he has played already this season.

"It's true, Michael hasn't been outstanding so far, but he has been highly efficient," he said. "Put against all those great stars who competed with us in the Champions' League, he has still been the best during the tournament."

"Real Madrid's stars Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo were tired and prone to injuries and they are already back home, just like Manchester United's Juan Sebastian Veron.

"Or take a look at Patrick Vieira, who was so outstanding in the Premiership this season, but after 60 games or even more he was too tired.

"We also have to bear in mind that this World Cup started two