Ten-man Bahrain knocked Indonesia out of the Asian Cup on Sunday with a 3-1 victory despite having a player sent off after a goal-

The result puts Bahrain into their first ever Asian Cup quarter-final as runners-up in Group A and is a bitter defeat for Indonesia, who needed just adrawto progress.

Controversy flared after substitute Elie Aboy pulled one back for Indonesia on 76 minutes with the score at 2-0. Bahrain defender Sayed Mohamed appeared to punch Ponaryo Astaman as the Indonesian midfielder, eager for a quick restart, wrestled for the ball.

However, Talal Yusuf put the game beyond doubt just five minutes later with a superbly taken free kick which rocketed into the top left of the Indonesian goal past 'keeper Hendro

Striker Husain Ali, who scored the late equaliser in Bahrain's 2-2 draw with China, had put the Middle Eastern side ahead just before halftime, side-footing Talal Yusuf's cutback past Kartiko.

The second was a classic counterattack as Indonesia pushed forward for an opening. A'ala Hubai was on hand to fire in a cross from his brother Mohamed after Indonesian defender Warsidi Ardi fluffed his interception.

The Indonesians rarely threatened Bahrain's defence until Aboy's rightfooted goal on 75 minutes. Bambang Pamungkas had rattled the bar with a bullet header earlier in the half.

It was fifth time lucky in the Asian Cup for Bahrain, population 680,000, who have shot up the FIFA rankings under Croatian coach Srecko Juricic.

They will face the winners of Group C where Iraq play Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan face already qualified Uzbekistan on Monday.

#### Hosts in quarters

AFP, Beijing

China booked their place in the quarter-finals of the Asian Cup here Sunday with a 1-0 victory over Qatar.

A late headed goal from defender Xu Yunlong ensured the hosts qualified for the last eight Group A winners, with Bahrain finishing runners-up. China will now play the second-placed team in Group C in the quarter-finals on Friday.

But China made hard work of breaking down the Qataris, who wrapped up a miserable campaign that saw them sack coach Philippe Troussier last week after just one

Xu settled the contest for China on 78 minutes in front of a 62,000 crowd at the Workers Stadium, the lanky defender nodding in from close-range after captain Li Weifeng knocked down an inswinging corner by midfielder Li Ming. Manchester City's Sun Jihai, who

came on as a second-half substitute, could have doubled China's lead in the closing stages only to see his header crash against the woodwork.

#### Copa America

#### **Uruguay** gets third spot

AFP, Cusco

America third-place play-off here on Saturday night.

goal in the southeast of Peru.

A left-foot lob in the 80th minute of the consolation game edged out Colombia after Estoyanoff had put Uruguay ahead in the third minute

The final will be played between Argentina and Brazil in Lima on

#### Scolari has time

AFP, Lisbon

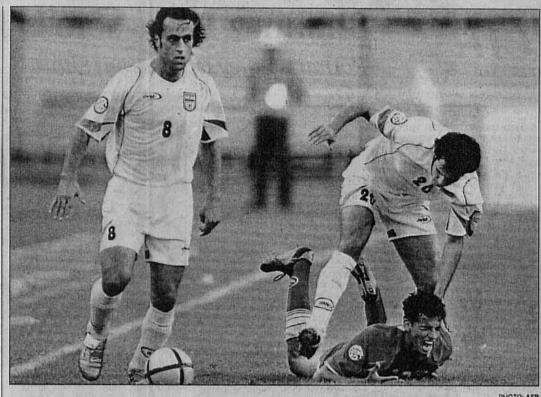
Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said Sunday he was in no rush to return to his native Brazil, which he led to the 2002 World Cup title.

He told Portuguese daily Correio da Manha he did not believe he could find good working conditions

World Cup I am counting on staying on for a while longer in Europe," he

of the Euro 2004 championship, Scolari agreed to stay in charge of the Portuguese national team through to the 2006World Cup.

"Big Phil", as Scolari is popularly known, told Portuguese media earlier this week that he had received numerous job offers from European clubs, including one from England's Everton, during last



THAT'S GROSS! Iran's Mohammed Nosrati (R) is about to stamp on an Omani player as his teammate Ali Karimi (L) takes the ball away in Chongging on July 24.

## An Iranian shame



AFP, Chongqing

Three Iran players were suspended and a referee was kicked out of the Asian Cup here Sunday as officials moved to crush foul play after the three-time champions' bitterly controversial 2-2 draw with Oman.

Tournament officials slapped a four-match ban on Iran's goal hero Mohammed Nosrati for his brutal stamp on an Oman player and suspended defenders Rahman Rezaei and Ali Badavi for slapping each other in an extraordinary

Bahraini referee Abdul Rahman will also play no further part in the tournament after an erratic display of officiating in the Group D game that Omani players believe cost them a famous victory.

(AFC) general-secretary Peter Velappan said the punishments sent a message that violence

would not be tolerated. "Until this game all the matches had been played in a wonderful sporting spirit of fair play. We had nothing to worry about. Then suddenly this happens," said Velappan.

"The AFC wants to send a message that this sort of thing is not acceptable," added Velappan, who was particularly shocked at the sight of Rezaei and Badavi trading blows.

"I have never seen anything like that in 50 years of involve-ment in football. To see two players from the same team fighting was incredible," he said. Rezaei and Badavi were

handed two-match bans and fined 3,500 dollars each for facing off and slapping each other in the second half before team-mates intervened.

Nosrati, who was also fined

Asian Football Confederation 7,000 dollars, was his team's hero on Saturday after scoring a dramatic equaliser deep in injury time to secure a 2-2 draw for Iran after Oman had led by two goals

midway through the second half. But Oman's players were furious that Nosrati was still on the pitch after an incident in the 62nd minute when he had blatantly trampled on the back of opposing striker Imad Ali.

Nosrati will play no further part in the tournament, his fourmatch ban not running out until after the final on August 7.

Iranian officials said they expect to appeal the suspensions after studying the disciplinary committee's ruling.

Referee Rahman's failure to punish Nosrati's foul proved

As Oman's players protested, Iran swept up field to score a 63rd-minute goal through Ali Karimi to get themselves back into the game before Nosrati

"It was a very, very bad foul that caused us to lose concentration," said Oman coach Milan

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) warned before the tournament that referees guilty of major errors would be punished as part of a zerotolerance drive to raise officiating standards.

AFC referees chief Farouk Bouzo said in a statement that Rahman had been sent home after a panel had reviewed his performance.

"Our referees were told at the start that we expected much from them and that they were responsible for their decisions," Bouzo

"They were informed that any influential mistake will not be acceptable and that referees who did not show a good standard or made influential mistakes would

## Crazy night in Chongqing Japan, Iran in last eight



AFP, Chongqing

Holders Japan came from behind to beat Thailand and book their place in the Asian Cup quarter-finals Saturday as Iran fought back to snatch a controversial draw with

Japan became the second team to reach the last eight after recovering from the shock of an early goal to beat the injury-hit Thais 4-1 before 40,000 hostile local fans at the Chongqing Olympic Sports Centre.

Thailand stunned Japan with a superb opener after 12 minutes, Sutee Suksomkit jinking clear on the edge of the area before lashing a ferocious drive into the roof of the

But Japan, who saw their national anthem and every touch booed by Chinese supporters packed into the ground, quickly recovered to level before eventually overwhelming the Thais in the closing stages.

Shunsuke Nakamura curled in a fine 21st-minute free-kick to equalise before defender Yuji Nakazawa put his team ahead on 57 minutes, rifling home a low shot through a crowded penaltytomakeit 2-1.

Takashi Fukunishi added a third on 69 minutes, directing a firm downward header from a corner past Thailand goalkeeper Kosin Hathairatanakul, before Nakazawa completed the rout two minutes

Japan coach Zico said he was proud of the way his side had responded to the early goal and the catcalls from fans, a reflection of lingering enmity felt by many Chinese towards Japan for its WWII occupation of the country.

The victory left Japan with maximum points from two matches in Group D and guaranteed them a quarter-final berth, after Iran recovered from two goals down to force a 2-2 draw against Oman with an injurytime equaliser. The result means Iran need only a

point from their final match against Japan on Wednesday to reach the quarter-finals, a scenario that looked unlikely as they trailed 2-0 to Oman after a brace by talented striker Imad

Iran coach Branko Ivankovic could only look on in horror as his powerful side led by former Bayern Munich centre-forward Ali Daei fell into disarray early in the second half. Defenders Rahman Rezaei and Ali

Badavi were involved in an extraordinary on-pitch bust-up, facing off and slapping each other before quickly being separated by team-mates. The turning point came on 62

escaped a red card for a blatant stamp on the back of Oman goalscorer Ali as helayhelpless on the pitch.

minutes, when Mohammed Nosrati

With Oman's players still incensed that Nosrati's foul had somehow gone unpunished by Bahrain referee Abdul Rahman, Iran swept upfield and pulled a goal back through Ali Karimi to make it 2-1.

Oman appeared to be set for victory however, carving out a string of openings in the final 15 minutes that should have put the game beyond the Iranians reach. But in the third minute of injury

Mahdavikia floated a teasing freekick into the Oman penalty box and Nosrati -- lucky to still be on the pitch - nodded home to equalise. Oman coach Milan Macala said Nosrati's trampling of Ali had dis-

time, Asian player of the year Mehdi

tracted his players at a crucial time, opening the way for Karimi's crucial strike barely a minute later. "It was a very, very bad foul that caused us to lose concentration, bu

one must continue to play," said Macala. "If we had a little more experience we would have won. We played excellent in the first half. Macala refused to criticise the performance of Bahrain referee

Abdul Rahman however. "Referees aren't my problem," he said, "I'm a professional coach. There are many people upstairs who are responsible for the referees."

#### Killer ref!

AFP, Johannesburg

A South African football referee shot a coach dead and injured two play ers for questioning his decision to hand out a yellow card to one of their team members during a match, policesaid.

The incident occurred in the southern seaside town of Kentonon-Sea on Saturday during a game involving two local teams, police inspector Mali Govender told the SAPA news agency Sunday.

Govender said, adding that police

The referee, enraged when a coach questioned his decision, whipped out a shotgun and fired a shot, which killed the coach and injured two players from his team. He then fled the stadium,

#### Becks' ball in Canada

AFP, Toronto

The ball David Beckham's expensive boot kicked over the crossbar and into footballing infamy in a Euro 2004 shootout has larteed in the hands of a Canadian-registered online casino.

GoldenPalace.com, renowned for publicity stunts which have included sending a streaker onto the field of the Superbowl, paid 35,000 US dollars for the ball in an auction on the eBayInternetsite.

The final price tag was well below a sheaf of fake bids which at one stage reached 10 million dollars. "We plan on raising a lot more

money for charity than we did paying for this ball," said GoldenPalace.com CEO Richard Rowe. "Expect to see the ball traveling

around the world in an effort to raise money for charitable organizations." Beckham booted the ball into the

crowd during England's penalty loss to hosts Portugal, after their quarterfinal clash had ended in a 2-2 draw. Spanish fan Pablo Carral caught the ball and smuggled it out of the stadium and put it up for sale on the

Beckham blamed the poor state of the penalty spot for his miss, which saw Portugal into the semi-finals in a championship run which ended in defeat in the final to Greece.

GoldenPalace.com is registered in the native Canadian Kahnawake Mohawk territory near Montreal, and is a part sponsor of the Minardi Formula One team.

geous former NBA star Dennis Rodman, and sent a streaker onto the field at this year's Superbowl, naked except for a football covering his private parts, with the company's website address emblazoned on a tattoo across his chest.

## Effenberg's Thai goal

Football

AFP, Bangkok

Former German midfield stalwart Stefan Effenberghas targeted 2010 as a breakout year for football in Asia and in particular Thailand, saying he has just the ticket to help them get to the World Cup finals in sixyears time.

The 35-year-old veteran knows what it takes to reach the pinnacle of sport -- he has played in the World Cup and brought home German and Champions League silverware -- and is launching a football academy in the kingdom that aims to raise Thailand's level of competition.

Effenberg's three-million-dollar Asia's First Football Academy (AFA 999) is expected to be operational by 2005, in the northern province of Chiang Rai. It has slots for 250 young Thais who, if they prove talented enough, may train with and eventually play for a German Bundesliga

The German's presence in Thailand has not quite brought the same feverish response as to Liverpool's Michael Owen or Real Madrid's David Beckham last year, but the veteran's purpose appears Effenberg, currently a handsomely

paid twilight star at Qatar's Al-Arabi squad after 16 seasons in Germany and Italy, has called for a revolution in Thai tactics, training and fitness.

"Football in Thailand isn't like Europe," Effenberg tells AFP in an making waves this year for announc-

interview at a Bangkok stadium, where he braves the heat to put hundreds of Thai boys age seven to 17 through their paces in trials for next year's highly coveted slots in his new

"In Europe there is a perfect system, a base, and Thailand needs help to grow up step by step, closer to international level," he says. Rather than rely merely on their

precocious homegrown talent, the Thais must adapt a rigorous, cradlespot among the game's elite, he says.

Cup 2010. Why not?" The achievement would be monumental. Despite being Southeast Asia's football powerhouse over the

beset with problems, with the sudden resignation last month of Brazilian coach Carlos Roberto de Carvalho followed by the shock withdrawal of skipper Klatisuk "Zico" Senamuang

Carvalho's decision to quit followed a disastrous 4-1 home defeat to North Korea, a result which virtually ended Thailand's hopes of reaching the final round of qualifying for the

The loss prompted Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, himself ing interest in buying a stake in an English Premiership club, to blast the squad for its lack of spirit and said a thorough overhaul was needed.

Effenberg says politics has no place in the game and refuses to comment on Thaksin's ambitions, or the billionaire premier's championing of a football tournament to try to soothe tensions in the troubled south, where a Muslim insurgency has raged this

"The football school is the most important thing for me and not (the politics) surrounding the sport,"

Critics have contended that it will take decades before Asian football is on a par with European powerhouses such as France, England and Spain, but Effenberg is more optimistic.

ship, so it's not so far away," he says, adding that Asian contenders could take a page out of Greece's book in terms of how to slay football's giants. The minnows entered the Euro

off with the trophy. "Nobody thought before the European championship that Greece

would win, but the underdogs came and won the championship. "That is amazing, and that is some-

thing for Thailand" to take inspiration from, the German veteran says,

"When you work hard and you're prepared you can win big things.

# Japanese concern

Goals from Fabian Estoyanoff and Vicente Sanchez gave Uruguay a 2-1 win over Colombia in their Copa

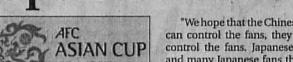
Sanchez made up for his semifinal penalty miss against Brazil which halted Uruguay's passage into

after being fed from the left by Sergio Herrera equalised for Colombia with a 70th-minute penalty.

in Brazilian football at the moment. "Aside from that, after the 2006

After leading Portugal to the final

month's European finals.



Fukushi told AFP.

Defending Asian Cup champions Japan called on tournament organisers to provide better security here Sunday after their team bus was rushed by hordes of rowdy Chinese Japan were forced to make such a

hasty exit from the Chongqing

Olympic Stadium after their 4-1

victory over Thailand in Group Con

Saturday that two players were left

stranded at the stadium, officials "Last night when the team was getting on the bus some fans started rushing the bus, so security personnel ordered the bus to leave. Two of our players were left behind in the stadium," team spokesman Ichirota

**FARIA ALAM** 

"We hope that the Chinese police can control the fans, they have to control the fans. Japanese players and many Japanese fans think that this is a dangerous situation."

team's every touch were loudly booed and hissed throughout Saturday's match by the majority of some 40,000 Chinese fans crammed into the ground. Several fans waving small Japanese flags were also escorted

out of the stadium by police after

Japan's national anthem and the

being accosted and surrounded by Chinese fans during the game. Anti-Japanese sentiment remains high in China, with Chinese still angry over Japan's World War II invasion of the mainland, an act that many Chinese, including the government, have found difficult to

Chongqing, one of China's biggest cities has long been known for

restive population. Security has remained tight at the stadium with the local press reporting up to 2,000 police, includ-

**SVEN-GORAN ERIKSSON** 

ing officers in full riot gear, on the stadium grounds.

Despite the intimidating atmosphere, Japan coach Zico said he was proud of the way his side responded to the catcalls and even appeared to dare Chinese fans to bring it on for the champions final group game against Iran on July 30.

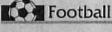
same reception every game. We won this game. We hope that we can win the next game with the booing from the fans," the legendary Brazilian told journalists before the fans rushed his team bus. Japan officials moved swiftly to play down Zico's comments, saying

"If the booing makes us score four goals, then I hope we get the

'I really don't think coach Zico understands how sensitive relations between Japan and China are, you can't blame him for what he said, but we are concerned about the safety of our team and fans,"

#### they did not think he understood the full context of Sino-Japanese rela-It has also partnered with outra-

## Eriksson caught!



England coach Sven-Goran

Eriksson had a sexual relationship with a female secretary at the Football Association (FA), his employers confirmed Sunday after initially denying the affair. The FA added that Eriksson's ooss, FA chief executive Mark Palios,

also had a brief affair with Faria Alam, who works for England football's governing body. While Eriksson cheated on his long-term Italian lover Nancy Dell'Olio, the FA said Palios was

single at the time of his fling. Earlier in the week the Football Association made statements on behalf of Faria Alam, denying that she has a sexual relationship with the England coach Sven Goran

sented to us in the form of emails together.

which Ms Alam has sent to friends about the relationship and, having made further inquiries, we can confirm that a relationship did take

News of the World tabloid published

details of the emails in its latest weekly edition published Sunday. Regarding Palios, the FA said in a separate statement. With regard to the chief executive Mark Palios, we believe this is a private matter, but we have seen

evidence from emails sent by Ms

Alam, and having made further

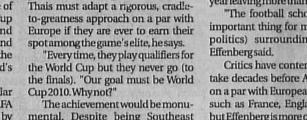
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The FA's move came after the

extremely brief relationship did take place. News of the World said Palios' affair took place in January, before Eriksson's fling with the 38-year-old

Reports of Eriksson's affair Eriksson," the FA said in a state- earlier in the week led to the 56year-old Swede apparently splitting "New evidence has been pre- from Dell'Olio after six years

former model.



past decade, Thailand's national squadlies in virtual tatters. Its build-up to the Asian Cup was

They lost their first game in the tournament 3-0 to Iran.

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year leaving more than 250 dead.

"Two years ago South Korea was in the semi-final of the world champion-

2004 championships with barely a glance by the oddsmakers but waltzed



MAN TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE? Former German star Stefan Effenberg supervising training of Thai teenagers in



Bangkok on July 24.

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