



PREVIEW

Koreans eye the big fish

AFP, Johannesburg

Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-Sung insists his South Korean side are capable of defeating Argentina when the unbeaten Group B rivals clash on Thursday at the World Cup. Last Saturday Argentina, one of the sides tipped to lift the trophy in the final on July 11,

Maradona says his side must improve their finishing against Korea.

Maradona will also shore up his defence. Having played a back three against Nigeria, he is set to play a 4-3-1-2 formation and add AS Roma's Nicolas Burdisso to the defence.

Jonas Gutierrez may keep his place in the side, particularly in the absence of veteran deep midfielder Juan Veron, who did not recover from a calf strain.

"There will not be any surprises," said Maradona, who looks likely to make Lionel Messi the link man behind Carlos Tevez and Gonzalo Higuain, having played all three as out and out attackers against Nigeria.

Maradona has warned that his Argentina side will not fear any opponent at the World Cup as they continue their quest for a third global title.

The key to winning the title will be whether or not Maradona can harness the full ability of world player of the year Lionel Messi.

Leading into the tournament, the 22-year-old has



Argentine star striker Lionel Messi listens intently at a press conference in Pretoria on Sunday. The world's best player will again take the centre stage when Argentina play South Korea today.

PHOTO: AFP

endured difficult times in the blue and white shirt under Maradona.

He still averages less than a goal every three games at international level, a disappointing tally for such a gifted player.

Meeting again after 24 years

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Argentina coach Diego Maradona will see a familiar foe in the opposing dugout when his side face South Korea in their second Group B match at Soccer City Thursday.

South Korea coach Huh Jung-moo was the man assigned to stop Maradona when the countries met in their opening match of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, a game long-remembered in Buenos Aires for the Koreans' strong-arm tactics against their skipper.

"I remember Huh very well," Maradona said after the draw pairing the sides together was made in December. "In 1986 the Koreans played taekwondo, not football, against us."

Maradona went into that game in Mexico City nursing a long-standing injury, and the Koreans tactics were to do anything they could to stop him.

Ultimately they failed as Maradona had a brilliant game leading his side to a 3-1 victory, setting off on the path that led to victory in the World Cup final against West Germany.

Veron rested

AP Pretoria

Argentina midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron will not play in the team's second World Cup match against South Korea because of an injury and will be replaced by Maxi Rodriguez.

Veron has an injury to his right calf and coach Diego Maradona doesn't want to risk aggravating the injury in the Group B match Thursday. Maradona yesterday said that "it was a difficult decision" to leave him out because Veron wanted to play.

Maradona says the veteran midfielder could return for the team's next final group match against Greece on June 22. He also said his team is confident and will "play to win" against South Korea.

Tevez wants the Cup only

AFP, Pretoria

Carlos Tevez said on Tuesday that he and his Argentine teammates were solely interested in winning the World Cup, rather than just putting in a solid showing in South Africa.

"A good World Cup for Argentina will be to win it -- nothing else will do. If we get to the quarters, the last 16, or whatever -- that will not do," said the Manchester City striker at a news conference in Pretoria.

Tevez also said he was right behind coach Diego Maradona, a controversial choice to take the reins midway through an unconvincing qualifying campaign.

"A phenomenon," exclaimed Tevez, when asked to describe the 1986 World Cup-winning skipper.

Tevez also said he has little time for the 'vuvuzela' plastic trumpets which have been the bane of broadcasters since the tournament started.

"This siren or trumpet or whatever it is -- they make it very difficult to talk on the pitch. You really have to shout -- it's very distracting."

Drogba to start against Brazil

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

A goalless draw against Portugal has given Ivory Coast the confidence it needs to tackle top ranked Brazil on Sunday, especially with talismanic captain and striker Didier Drogba likely to be in the starting lineup.

Drogba, who fractured his forearm just before the tournament and came on as a 66th minute substitute during the opening game, was impressed by his team's defence against Portugal but said they needed to score when facing the Samba boys.

"It will be a difficult game and what we need to change is score goals. We need to defend the same and maybe try to improve the one-on-ones, and have more opportunities," the 32-year-old told reporters.

Drogba is seen as essential to Ivory Coast's hopes of progressing to the second round for the first time after losing in their group stage games to Argentina and the Netherlands in their only World Cup appearance four years ago.

The Ivorian striker, who helped Chelsea to a league and FA Cup double and finished as the Premier League's leading scorer last season, said he was well enough to start against Brazil on Sunday.

"Having Drogba on the pitch is very important for us... he will be even more ready for the next game," said coach Sven-Goran Eriksson.

THE KNOWLEDGE

Three of Argentina's last four goals in World Cup finals have come from corners.

Argentina have won both of their encounters against South Korea, including a 3-1 victory during the 1986 World Cup first round.

were impressive in their 1-0 win over Nigeria, while South Korea enjoyed a 2-0 win over Greece as both sides started their campaigns.

Argentina coach Diego Maradona will be looking to tighten his defence against the live-wire South Korean attack led by Manchester's Park.

He was the man-of-the-match against the Greeks and scored a second-half goal after teammate Lee Jung-Soo gave the Koreans an early lead.

The Koreans play Argentina at Soccer City, which will host the final, and Park says his side have nothing to fear if they can play with the same intensity they produced against Greece.

"Argentina are the best team in our group, but if we play as a team like we did [against Greece] we're capable of getting a result," said Park on FIFA.com.

Despite dominating the Nigerians, Argentina only managed a single goal early on through Gabriel Heinze and



Chile's first win in 48 years

AFP, Nelspruit

Chile secured a first World Cup win in 48 years by edging Honduras 1-0 on Wednesday through a late first-half goal from striker Jean Beausejour.

The Group H success ended a 13-game winless run spanning four tournaments for the Chilean 'Reds' since defeating Yugoslavia on June 16 1962 to finish third as hosts.

Switzerland are the next opponents for a team coached by Marcel Bielsa, who is desperate to make the second round from a pool including title favourites Spain after failing to do so with his native Argentina eight years ago.

The South Americans began brightly as they sought a fourth victory in six clashes with the Hondurans and midfielder Matias Fernandez went close off a third-minute free kick.

An Argentina-born star who plays for Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon, he comfortably cleared the Honduran wall with a free kick and the ball landed on the roof of the net after dipping just too late.

Fellow Chilean midfielder Carlos Carmona was cautioned 60 seconds later by Eddy Maillet, the first referee from the Indian Ocean island of Seychelles to handle a World Cup fixture.

Chile were on top territorially and it took Honduras 18 minutes to create an opening close to goal only for 101-cap Carlos Pavon to disappoint with a weak shot that trickled wide.

Midway through the opening half Fernandez became the second Chilean to be cautioned in a lively game which attracted a large, South African



PHOTO: AFP

Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal (top) joins in an unbridled celebration with teammates after striker Jean Beausejour (pressed inside) scored the only goal against Honduras at the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit yesterday.

public holiday crowd to the north-east city near the Kruger National Park.

The best known Honduran footballer, Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Wilson Palacios, was next to be shown a yellow card as Maillet ran out of patience following constant offences.

Persistent Chile pressure finally paid off when slick passing outside the penalty area created space for Mauricio Isla on the right flank and his low cross was turned in by Mexico-based Beausejour.

Honduras pushed Edgar Alvarez forward for the second half but the early exchanges followed a similar pattern to the first 45 minutes with Chile exerting far more pressure as they sought the cushion of a two-goal advantage.

Midfielder Jorge Valdivia had the ball into the net 15 minutes from full-time, but was correctly flagged offside as the 'killer' second goal continued to elude Chile.

KEY STATS	
Honduras	Chile
Shots (on target)	7(1) 22(5)
Corners	4 6
Possession	36% 64%
Yellow Cards	1 2

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5th	One Toshin Microwave Oven (23L)	and YOU	5th One 21" Toshin Colour TV

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Round & Draw	Starts	Ends	Answers must reach by 12pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
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4. Khulna	June 15	June 23	June 25	June 29
5. Sylhet	June 24	July 02	July 04	July 06
Bumper Round, Dhaka	July 03	July 11	July 13	July 16

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. Who scored the first goal of World Cup 2010?	Marquez <input type="checkbox"/>	Tshabalala <input type="checkbox"/>	Mphela <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Which team recorded the first win in World Cup 2010?	South Africa <input type="checkbox"/>	South Korea <input type="checkbox"/>	Argentina <input type="checkbox"/>
3. What is the name of the World Cup 2010 mascot?	Jabulani <input type="checkbox"/>	Zakumi <input type="checkbox"/>	Zangalewa <input type="checkbox"/>
4. How many African teams have qualified for World Cup 2010?	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Who is this player?	Gerrard <input type="checkbox"/>	Cahill <input type="checkbox"/>	Kaka <input type="checkbox"/>

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Chile (4-3-3): Claudio Bravo (cap) - Mauricio Isla, Gary Medel, Waldo Ponce, Arturo Vidal (Pablo Contreras 81) - Rodrigo Millar (Gonzalo Jara 52), Carlos Carmona, Matias Fernandez - Alexis Sanchez, Jorge Valdivia (Mark Gonzalez 87), Jean Beausejour

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