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I'VE DONE IT IN STYLE: Versatile Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh (R) raises his arms after hitting the winning runs -- a six off the penultimate ball from Pakistan paceman Mohammad Aamer -- during the two bitter rival's Asia Cup match in Dambulla yesterday.

# India knock out Pakistan

AFP, Dambulla



Harbhajan Singh smashed the penultimate ball from Mohammad Aamer for a six as India knocked Pakistan out of the Asia Cup with a three-wicket win on Saturday.

Harbhajan's last-gasp shot over the midwicket fence helped India past Pakistan's 267 with one ball to spare in a heart-stopping finish at the Rangiri stadium in Dambulla.

India scored 52 runs in the last five overs after the sixth wicket had fallen at 219, with Suresh Raina making 34 off 27 balls and Harbhajan an unbeaten 15 off 11.

The exciting victory lifted both India and hosts Sri Lanka into the June 24 final with two wins each and rendered the last two league matches

inconsequential. Pakistan and Bangladesh, who have yet to win a game, play each other on Monday, while India and Sri Lanka clash on Tuesday in a dress rehearsal for the final.

Barely 2,000 Sri Lankan fans were on hand to watch a rare clash between the arch-rivals, only their second one-day encounter in the past two years.

Opener Gautam Gambhir hit 83 off 97 balls and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni chipped in with 57 during a third-wicket stand of 97 which lifted India to 180-2 in the 36th over.

But Gambhir's dismissal at that stage, bowled by Saheed Aijmal, triggered a middle-order collapse which saw four wickets fall for the addition of 39 runs.

Dhoni was bowled by Shoaib Malik and Rohit Sharma was trapped before Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi, before Aijmal removed Ravindra Jadeja to

make it 219-6 in the 46th over. Raina and Harbhajan then stepped in to lead a brilliant recovery and crush a valiant Pakistan side's hopes of staying alive in the tournament.

For Pakistan, opener Salman Butt top-scored with 74 and Kamran Akmal hit 51 off 41 balls after Afridi won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night international.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Pakistan: 267 all out in 49.3 overs (Butt 74, Farhat 25, Malik 39, Akmal 51, Afridi 32; Kumar 3-53, Zaheer 2-41, Harbhajan 2-47)

India: 271 for 7 in 49.5 overs (Gambhir 83, Dhoni 56, Raina 34, Harbhajan 15 not out; Aijmal 3-56)

**Result:** India won by three wickets.

**Man-of-the-match:** Gambhir  
**Toss:** Pakistan  
**Umpires:** Billy Bowden and Billy Doctrove.

## Anelka kicked out of squad

AFP, Knysna

France striker Nicolas Anelka was kicked out of the World Cup on Saturday after reportedly launching a tirade of abuse at coach Raymond Domenech, the French Football Federation (FFF) said.

FFF vice-president Noel Le Graet said that while players were perfectly in their rights to question a coach's tactics, Anelka had gone way over the mark with his remarks.

"The decision has been taken," Le Graet told RTL radio. "It was perfectly normal to do it today, it couldn't have been done any other way."

"I find it unbelievable, because if anyone has protected Anelka, it has been Domenech.

"Domenech has played Anelka throughout the past two years.

"There are of course divergences of opinion surrounding tactics and positioning, but it merits in any case friendlier conversations."

An FFF spokesman said the player would leave South Africa later Saturday.

## MSC keep winning

SPORTS REPORTER

Giants Mohammedan Sporting Club kept their winning run going with a comprehensive 5-0 win over Sadharan Bima at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Chayan struck thrice, all penalty corners. He opened the scoring in the seventh minute and subsequently doubled the margin in the 12th minute before converting another penalty corner in the 62nd minute.

Jimmy scored twice, both field goals in the 56th and 61st minutes respectively.

In the day's other match, Ajax Sporting Club beat Bangladesh Sporting Club 4-0 with Rubel scoring three goals and Alamgir hitting one.

## Kallis joins 11,000 club

AFP, Basseterre

Jacques Kallis and AB de Villiers reach personal landmarks as South Africa continued to plunder easy runs against West Indies in the second Test here on Saturday.

Kallis scored 110 and de Villiers was unbeaten on 102, as the South Africans reached 479 for five in their first innings on the rain-affected second day at Warner Park.

For Kallis, it was an extra special occasion. After he reached his 50 from 123 balls, when he swept Shane Shillingford to fine leg for two runs, he proceeded to become the sixth batsman to score 11,000 runs in Tests.

Kallis reached the milestone, when he drove Ravi Rampaul for four through wide mid-on. He has struck a dozen four and a six for his 34th Test hundred.

# Upsets upend fighting US

ATIQUA ANAM

Highflying German confidence took an unexpected tumble, England's haphazard showing got worse, while the never-say-die Americans proved their mettle once again on a day when referees caught more of the attention than football or its quality.

After a highflying start drubbing Australia 4-0 in their opening match, Germany were immediately made to have a taste of bitter reality as they lost to Serbia 0-1, courtesy of a trigger-happy referee and a misfiring striker. The Spanish referee dished out as many as nine yellow cards, many of which could have been avoided, including a double yellow that saw Germany's most lethal striker Miroslav Klose being sent off. Losing Klose was a crucial blow, so much so that the flabbergasted Germans conceded a goal within a minute of the send-off. But despite all that the Germans should have won the game or at least come out with a point had Bayern Munich striker Lukas Podolski not spurned a penalty kick.

This was only the second penalty miss, out of 12 taken, by the 'efficient' Germans in their World Cup history. And the man who flapped it was misfired all through the night, failing to muster a shot on target on seven attempts.

A baffled Joachim Loew exhausted his options in the second half, bringing in two

group C clash between England and Algeria surrounded the slippings of their goalkeepers which cost both teams dearly in their opening matches. So changes in guard was inevitable, but as it turned out the two keepers this time, England's experienced campaigner David James and Algeria's rookie keeper Rais Ouheib Mbouli, had very little involvement in the game since all the action or lack of it was confined mostly to thirty five yards either side from the center.

Wayne Rooney, the vaunted England striker remarked before the game that even an under par English performance would be good enough to win against Algerians, which may have spurred the African side to play out of their skins and stave off the three lions in their first international meeting. For that matter the Manchester United striker was mostly a desolate figure for the course of ninety minutes, owing partly to his own ineffectiveness and partly to the lack of services from he got midfield.

Exasperated at futility, England players tried their luck from long range to test the

keeper hoping that the strange nature Jabulani might take an awkward swing, but to no avail.

Devoid of ideas and caught by the likeness in their play, the two sets of players exasperated in futility for the course of 90 minutes without ever really looking like having the potency to break. A well deserved point and much bigger gain in terms of reputation for Algeria while yet another frustrating night from the English. If Capello's men are to qualify for the next round they must lift their game up a few notches.

The most entertaining match of the day was the other group C encounter between the United States and Slovenia where the Stars and Stripes showed tremendous resilience fighting back from two goals down to snatch a point from the debutants. Bob Bradley's boys should have come out with three full points had a third goal on the 85th minute not been inexplicably ruled out. For the character that they showed they deserved a win and should have been sitting pretty on top of group, which is now occupied by Slovenia instead.



center-forwards Mario Gomez and Jeronimo Cacau sacrificing the best player Mesut Ozil and Thomas Muller in search of an equaliser, but it wasn't to be their day. Despite enjoying the lions' share of possession, Germans could muster only two shots on target throughout the match, and neither went in. Serbia made full use of the one shot they had on target and in the end that made the difference. Much of the talk prior to the

# This year is Latin's

AFP, Paris

If there is a trend to be taken early on in the World Cup it is that the Europeans are struggling and the South Americans are thriving.

Just as in rugby where there is a perpetual debate about the northern hemisphere against the southern hemisphere supremacy thus there is every four years as to where the balance of power lies between Europe and South America.

Based on the past 10 World Cups dating back to 1970 logic would suggest a South American winner this time round as Europe and South America have alternated winning it.

And certainly on the form shown so far they would look to be in the driving seat as the European heavyweights and traditional standard bearers to win the cup for their continent have failed to impress or flattered to deceive.

Spain's stunning 1-0 reverse against Switzerland reflected this early malaise amongst them as the Spanish had brought a 12 match winning streak into the tournament, and only Germany's 4-0 demolition of Australia had bucked the trend.

However, the Germans too were exposed on Friday losing 1-0 to Serbia quickly followed by England's uninspiring 0-0 draw with Algeria.

There have been only two strictly European v South American head to heads so far but even there Paraguay, not rated as one of the foremost of the South American challengers, led defending champions Italy before drawing 1-1 and Uruguay more than held their

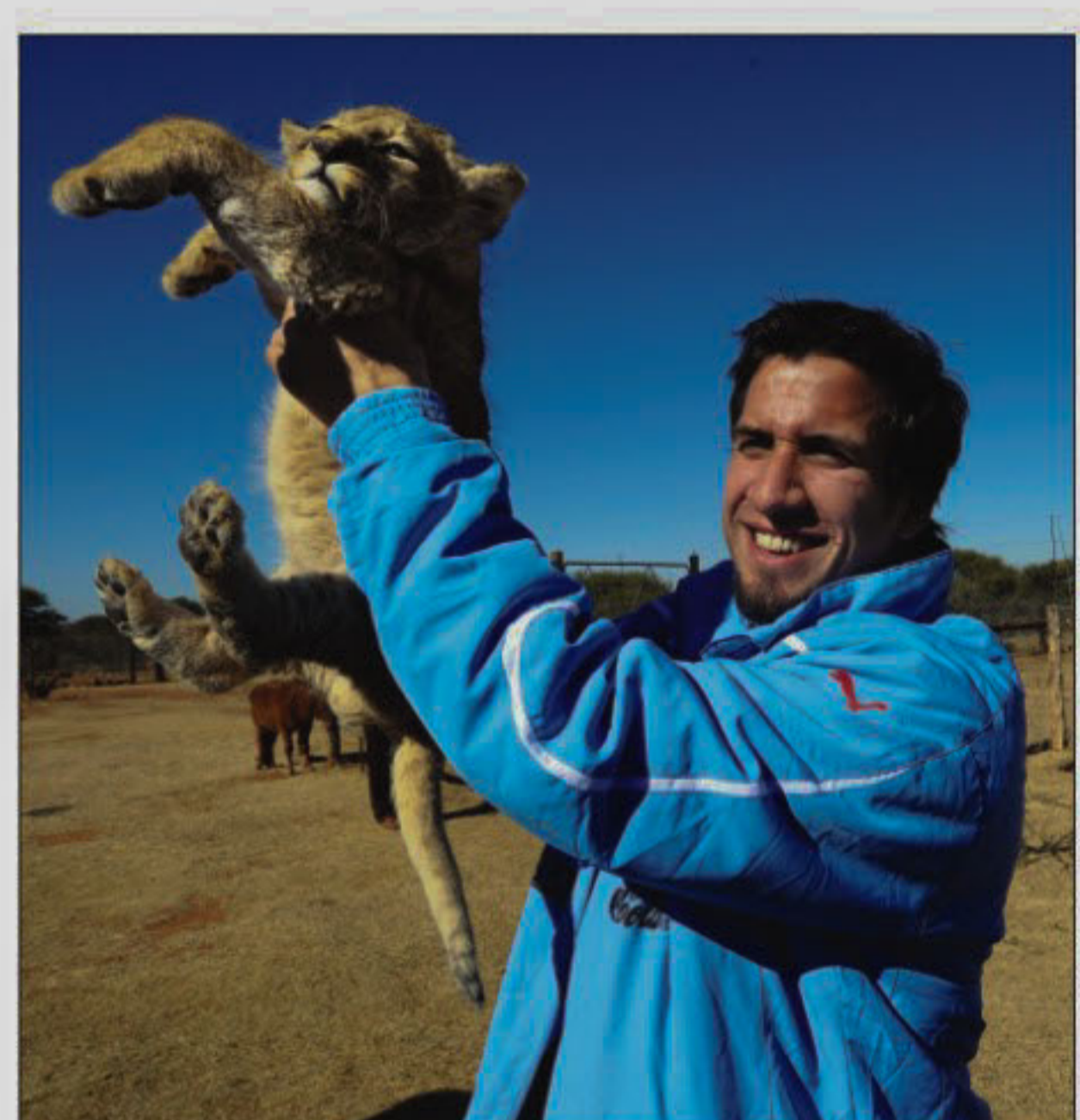


PHOTO: AFP

## WHEN IN AFRICA... Uruguay defender Mauricio Victorino poses ungainly with a lion cub during a visit to the Tarentaalrand Game Lodge near Kimberley yesterday.

own in an opening 0-0 draw with France.

While Mexico are not strictly South American geographically their superior technique easily outshone that of France's in their 2-0 defeat of the 1998 champions on Thursday.

Argentina have been the shining light of the South Americans so far having won both their matches and in terms of play and style have made their arch rivals Brazil cast some envious glances at them.

The five-time champions laboured to a 2-1 victory over North Korea in their opener.

Of those teams who have played two matches the balance looks even more in the

South Americans favour as Argentina look all but certain to go through having topped their group, and both Uruguay and Mexico look pretty assured of progressing at the expense of France.

## Collapse baffles Siddons

CRICINFO, Dambulla



Two middle-order collapses in Dambulla have handed Bangladesh an all-too-common early exit from a big tournament. Just when they manage to sort one piece of the puzzle, another one pops out of place. Shakib Al Hasan,

Mahmudullah and Mushfiqur Rahim were their regular firefighters, rescuing them when top-order failures were the norm early this year, but with Tamim Iqbal now tapping into a rich vein of form and providing robust starts, the others are floundering.

At the Asia Cup, the trend of blazing opening stands followed by a limp performance carried on from the England tour. Against India they raced to 81 for 1 in 13 overs, but barely managed to double their score. Today, Tamim started out with three boundaries off the first three deliveries and Bangladesh found themselves at a virtually identical 77 for 1 before sinking to 168 for 8.

"Tamim keeps showing the world how good he is, I think it's a real positive," Jamie Siddons, the Bangladesh coach, said after the match. "Unfortunately, our middle order which has

been saving us for the last six months making a lot of runs has stopped making runs, I don't know why."

One of their big worries is the continuing inability of the most experienced player, Mohammad Ashraful, to make runs. Tamim and Junaid Siddique had weathered the early threat of Lasith Malinga and Nuwan Kulasekara, but the initiative was squandered when Ashraful pottered around for a painful 29-ball 9, ending with a botched reverse-sweep.

"I was just speaking to Ashraful, I think he had tears in his eyes, letting the team down, he knows that and he's really upset and really frustrated with his shot today," Siddons said. "You know but it keeps happening."

There were other aspects of Bangladesh's performance that he was at a loss to explain, like the bunch of wickets that have fallen to part-time spinners, Tillakaratne Dilshan and Virender Sehwag. "It is a frustrating thing, we play spin all the time at home, it's something we pride ourselves on," he said. "Our batsmen since I've been there have struggled when it spins, whether it is part-time or world-class, we struggled in England when [Graeme] Swann spun the ball, [Danile] Vettori always troubles us when it's spinning."

# Nothing's in a name

AP, Johannesburg

Some days, it doesn't pay to be a favourite at the World Cup.

Germany lost a key player, missed a penalty kick and lacked a scorer Friday, losing 1-0 to Serbia in a stunning Group D upset.

Then the United States fell into a two-goal hole before a furious rally earned it a 2-2 tie with Slovenia that left the Americans feeling robbed: A late goal was contentiously nullified by the referee.

Finally, England looked nothing like a soccer power in a 0-0 draw with Algeria that left Group C wide open. Through eight days, no team has advanced to the second round and none has been eliminated.

Landon Donovan and Michael Bradley lifted the Americans into the tie in Johannesburg after a lacklustre first-half. Donovan scored from a narrow angle in the 48th minute for his 43rd international goal, and Bradley put in the equaliser in the 82nd off Jozy Altidore's

header.

"Being down 2-0 in a game, I've played long enough to feel very lucky and fortunate to come out of it still in the World Cup," keeper Tim Howard said.

"This team still understands how to fight for 90 minutes," coach Bob Bradley added.

The Americans thought they had a winner in the 86th, but substitute Maurice Edu's volley was disallowed for a foul.

"I'm a little gutted to be honest," Donovan said. "I don't know how they stole that last goal from us ... I'm not sure what the call was. He [the referee] wouldn't tell us what the call was."

Slovenia would have advanced with a win. Now, all four teams in the group are alive, with only Algeria not controlling its fate. Slovenia leads with four points, followed by England and the United States with two each. Algeria has one point.

"We lost our concentration in the second half and the Americans benefited from that," Slovenia coach Matjaz

Kek said. "We were ahead of the United States, but we didn't overcome this pressure."

England clearly felt the pressure of expectations for the second straight match. The Three Lions have not scored since the fourth minute of their opener with the US.

"We weren't aggressive enough," England captain Steven Gerrard said. "We never had the cutting edge."

With Wayne Rooney held scoreless for the seventh straight match, England lacked its touch against an opponent fighting to avoid becoming the first nation eliminated from the World Cup.

Even Algeria coach Rabah Saadane was surprised at England's poor performance. "I thought they would be better," Saadane said. "They were not at their best."

Three-time world champion Germany lost striker Miroslav Klose to a second yellow card in the 37th minute, and Milan Jovanovic scored a minute later to give Serbia its first World Cup win as an independent nation.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BOOK ABOUT A PERSON RECLINING ON A SUNNY POOL DECK AFTER GOING FOR A DIP: "AS I LAY DRYING." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals R

**What to WATCH**

**ESPN & SuperSport3**  
2010 FIFA World Cup  
Slovakia v Paraguay  
Live from 5:30pm  
Italy v New Zealand  
Live from 8:00pm  
Brazil v Ivory Coast  
Live from 12:30am (Monday)

**TEN Sports & SuperSport2**  
West Indies v South Africa  
Second Test, Day 3  
Live from 8:00pm