



Uruguay striker Luis Suarez (L) heads the ball past Mexico goalkeeper Oscar Perez (C) during their crucial Group A match at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg yesterday. While Mexico went down 0-1, they still go through to the second round with Uruguay.

PHOTO: AFP

Uruguay, Mexico thru' to R2

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A first-half goal from Luis Suarez was enough to help Uruguay secure top spot in Group A and progress into second round of the World Cup after a close victory over Mexico, who also qualified.

The only goal came two minutes before half-time when Edinson Cavani's superbly floated cross allowed the Ajax striker to head in at the back post.

With hosts South Africa unable to alter the goal difference too much in their 2-1 win over France, the result in Rustenburg also put the nervous Mexicans through.

Their coach Javier Aguirre made two changes to his line-up, bringing in veteran Cuauhtemoc Blanco for his first start in place of the injured Carlos Vela up front, while Andres Guardado was in for the suspended Efraim Juarez.

Uruguay also made one surprise change, with Diego Godin dropping to bench in place of Mauricio Victorino.

There was a buzz in the Royal Bafokeng Stadium at the start, with most of the noise coming from the fans in green, who outnumbered those in blue. But the Mexicans and their supporters were almost silenced early on.

First Maxi Pereira saw his rising 30-yard free-kick fly over, and then an error from Hector Moreno allowed Suarez in but the

SCORE BOARD	
MEXICO 0 - 1 URUGUAY	
SUAREZ 43	
Mexico (4-3-3): Oscar Perez, Francisco Rodriguez, Carlos Salcido, Rafael Marquez, Ricardo Osorio, Hector Moreno (Israel Castro, 57), Gerardo Torrado, Dos Santos Giovanni, Andres Guardado (Pablo Barrera, 46), Guillermo Franco, Cuauhtemoc Blanco (Javier Hernandez, 63)	
Uruguay (3-5-2): Fernando Muslera, Diego Lugano, Jorge Fucile, Mauricio Victorino, Alvaro Pereira (Andres Scotti, 77), Diego Ruso, Maximiliano Pereira, Egidio Rios, Edinson Cavani, Luis Suarez (Alvaro Fernandez, A, 85), Diego Forlan	
Venue: Royal Bafokeng Stadium, Rustenburg	

KEY STATS	
Mexico	Uruguay
Shots (on target)	
10(1)	15(5)
Corners	
6	7
Possession	
68%	32%
Yellow Cards	
2	1

striker only managed to send his shot across the face of goal.

El Tri had a good chance moments later when Giovanni dos Santos crossed for Blanco, but the 37-year-old headed over.

After 15 minutes Victorino managed to find space from a corner but nodded his free header over, before Alvaro Pereira drilled his shot wide after racing down the left - much to the fury of the unmarked Diego Forlan in the box.

Midway through the half, Guardado almost stunned Oscar Tabarez's side with a wicked 30-yard effort that beat Fernando Muslera, but not the underside of the crossbar.

At the other end, Oscar

Perez punched weakly at a Forlan cross, but there was no one following up at the back post. The chances seemed to dry up 15 minutes before the break, but then Suarez broke the deadlock.

Aguirre decided to make a change at the break, bringing Pablo Barrera for Guardado. And his side had the first chance of the half courtesy of a Blanco free-kick 25-yards out that was curled into the arms of Muslera.

Uruguay then almost doubled the advantage when Forlan swung over a free-kick from the right, but Diego Lugano's powerful header drew an excellent low save from Perez.

Grudge match!

AFP, Rustenburg

Kevin-Prince Boateng has revelled in his 'ghetto kid' image in the past but he will need all his streetwise skills when the Ghanaian midfielder comes up against the country of his birth Germany in their final World Cup Group D match on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old Portsmouth player is personally non grata back in Germany ever since his brutal tackle on German captain Michael Ballack in the FA Cup final ruled the then Chelsea star out of the tournament.

Boateng, who played up to under-21 level for Germany before swearing allegiance to the country of birth of his father, did apologise over the incident but to no avail as far as a distraught and furious Ballack was concerned.

"It was all I could do," said Boateng, who went on to miss a penalty in the final after the incident which saw Chelsea win 1-0.

"I was late with the tackle. I apologised twice while he was still receiving treatment on the pitch, this is the third time."

However, despite his apologies there has been little sympathy for him back in Germany and even his half-brother Jerome -- here with the German squad but unlikely to feature in the match itself -- said he wanted no further contact with his older sibling.

Jerome on Monday called for calmer minds to prevail, though he still has no intention of talking to his half-brother.

"He remains my brother and I wish him the best, but at the moment we have nothing to say to each other, that happens in other families as well," said 21-year-old Jerome, who is set to make his English Premier League debut next season with Manchester City. Germany's general manager Oliver Bierhoff has also tried to calm tempers ahead of the encounter.

"We mustn't lose our cool," said Bierhoff, who scored in Germany's Euro '96 triumph over the Czech Republic.

"We will not be playing against Kevin-Prince Boateng, but against Ghana. He must be treated with fair-play."

Germany up against history

PREVIEW

AFP, Johannesburg

Coach Joachim Loew says fitness will be the key for his Germany team when they take on Ghana on Wednesday with their World Cup survival at stake.

The Germans need to get their campaign back on track after their shock defeat to Serbia and a loss to Ghana would mean they fail to qualify from the World Cup's group stages for the first time in their history.

Joachim Loew's side got off to the ideal start when they hammered Australia 4-0 in their opening game, but after striker Miroslav Klose was sent off, the Serbs brought them down to earth with a 1-0 defeat.

Klose, the top scorer at the 2006 World Cup, is suspended for the Ghana clash at Johannesburg's Soccer City which will decide the winner of Group D and only a win will guarantee the Germans a place in the Round of 16.

Five of the squad are on a yellow card and a second for any of the quintet will see them suspended for the last 16 match, should Germany progress.

Loew expects a tough, physical encounter against Africa's Black Stars who are undefeated in Group D after a draw with Australia and a win over Serbia.

"Ghana are fast and can play well on the counter, they

don't shy away from one-to-one duels as they are strong, they have players who can put in fantastic sprints," said the 50-year-old.

"The general tempo against Ghana will be higher than Serbia, the Serbs were a bit slow out of the blocks and they had a draw in mind with only one forward.

"It will be quicker, but fitness is written with a capital 'F' in the Germany squad and we can cope with it."

Brazilian-born Cacau is expected to start as the lone striker with Lukas Podolski, who missed Saturday's 1-1 draw with Australia through injury.

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Germany striker Lukas Podolski and midfielder Marko Marin (L) play touch rugby ahead of a training session at the Super Stadium in Atteridgeville on Monday. The three-times world champions face Ghana in tonight's crucial encounter.

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STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ghana	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Germany	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
Serbia	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Australia	2	0	1	1	1	5	1



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1st	One 8 CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	YOU	1st	One Toshiba 32" LCD TV	YOU
2nd	One Toshin 24" LCD TV	YOU	2nd	One 15CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba 21" Colour TV	YOU	3rd	One Toshin Heat & Cool AC (1Ton)	YOU
4th	One Toshin 21" Colour TV	YOU	4th	One Toshin 24" LCD TV	YOU
5th	One Toshin Microwave Oven (23L)	and YOU	5th	One 21" Toshin Colour TV	and YOU

(See May 23 issue of the Star Sport for competition information and rules)

Prizes for the audience (For First Five Rounds)

1st. 20L Toshin Microwave Oven
2nd. 14" Toshin Colour TV
3rd. 3 Toshin DVD Players

Prizes for the audience (For Bumper Round)

1st. Toshiba Washing Machine
2nd. 21" Toshin Colour TV
3rd. 20L Toshin Microwave Woven
4th. Two Toshiba DVD Players

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Ends	Answers must reach by 12pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
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

- Who scored the first goal of World Cup 2010? Marquez ☐ Tshabalala ☐ Mphela ☐
- Which team recorded the first win in World Cup 2010? South Africa ☐ South Korea ☐ Argentina ☐
- What is the name of the World Cup 2010 mascot? Jabulani ☐ Zakumi ☐ Zangalewa ☐
- How many African teams have qualified for World Cup 2010? 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 7 ☐
- Who is this player? Gerrard ☐ Cahill ☐ Kaka ☐

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms).....Age.....

Father's name.....Occupation.....

Address.....

Telephone (if any).....Signature.....Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.

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