Chile think the impossible

PREVIEW

AFP, Johannesburg

Chile will be out to derail Brazil's drive towards a sixth World Cup title here on Monday when the South American teams meet in their Round of 16 showdown.

World Cup finals for the first time since France 1998 and their negotiation of the group phase is being celebrated by the fans back home as much as the players here.

THE KNOWLEDGE

Chile's 10 yellow cards in their three group matches is the most awarded to any team at this year's tournament.

Brazil have completed 1647 passes in their three matches so far, the most of any side at the tournament.

Now, their 54-year-old coach Marcelo Bielsa is hoping the Brazilians will struggle to find the form which saw them finish the group stage unbeaten.

"Historically, they are a team to fear," says Bielsa, after the Brazilians put four goals past the Chileans in their previous meetings in 1962 and 1998 to advance.

Bielsa suggests that today's Dunga-coached squad is no less dangerous than its fore-

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bears after they beat North Korea and the Ivory Coast, but drew with Portugal in Group

"This latest version retains all the creative footballing aspects of this country [Brazil] -- to which they have added aggression and forcefulness."

But he added that the Chileans, who pushed Brazil The Chileans are at the all the way in the 18-match regional qualifying programme to reach their first finals since 1998, were determined to pull off a shock and reach the last eight.

"We will do the impossible to ensure that things don't come to an end too soon for us," he insisted.

Ten-man Chile had a bittersweet night on Friday as they qualified for the last 16 despite suffering a 2-1 defeat to Spain and will need to pull off the biggest shock of the World Cup so far if they are to beat Brazil.

"We couldn't be more motivated for the game against Brazil," forward Jean Beausejour told FIFA.com after midfielder Marco Estrada was sent off against Spain.

Midfielder Rodrigo Miller, who score Chile's consolation goal, said it means a lot to the fans as they bid to topple the world's highest-ranked side.

"We know we're making the people in Chile happy with what we're doing here," said a grinning Millar, whose side are currently ranked 18th in the world.

In contrast, Brazil coach Dunga has yet to grin a smile





HANDFUL FOR CHILE: Robinho takes the ball away from Kaka during Brazil's training session at St. Stithians College in Johannesburg yesterday.

South American giants are berating his players. undefeated.

of satisfaction after any of his with Portugal on Friday which side's three performances Dunga spent in an agitated here so far even though the state gesticulating wildly and

Dunga will welcome back Convincing wins over midfield pair Kaka and Elano North Korea and the Ivory for Monday's match at Coast were followed by an Johannesburg's Soccer City. uninspiring goalless draw Kaka served a one-match ban

after being sent off against the Ivory Coast while Elano was ruled out through injury.

Brazilian goalkeeper Julio Cesar believes it will be a difficult test against Chile, but says his side have to keep improving.

"Now a new and more

complicated stage in the competition begins and I am certain that Brazil will be

"We have done what we expected to do so far and now we have to focus one game at a time and continue to improve game by game."

ready," he said.

The return of Kaka and

Inter Milan's Cesar.

"They are both crucial players for us and it will be good to have them back in the team for our next game," said : scored again and we couldn't the Inter Milan player.



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Ji-Sung tips **Brazil** for glory

: Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-Sung believes Brazil are : the favourites to win yet another World Cup title in 2010.

Speaking after Korea Republic's 2-1 defeat to : Uruguay in the Last 16 in Port Elizabeth on Saturday, the 29year-old says, from what he has seen at the tournament, Selecao will once again emerge victorious. "Brazil have shown their

quality and have been bril-: liant. They can win this World Cup," he said.

Reflecting on the match itself, which the Koreans dominated but ultimately lost to two Luis Saurez goals, Park admits it was an opportunity missed to emulate their feat in 2002 when they reached the semifinals.

"The first goal was our Elano will boost Brazil, says: mistake, so we had to deal with that, but the second one was brilliant. We dominated the second half; the game was ours. We fought back and equalized, but then they come back," he said.

Beware of Chilean ambush

AFP, Johannesburg

Brazilian veteran midfielder Gilberto Silva on Sunday warned the five-time champions they needed to be ready for a Chilean ambush as the World Cup goes into the knockout stage. Brazil were able to ease off

against Portugal in their final group game having already won their opening two matches, but in the knockout the nature of the tournament changes, as the Panathinaikos star concedes. "We have to redouble the

attention we have been paying them," Gilberto said in an interview at Randpark Golf Club outside team headquarters in Randburg on the outskirts of Johannesburg. The former Arsenal star

mate Robinho that previous good results against the Chileans - Brazil have won their past five meetings count for nothing now. "It is a totally different game. We have a fine record against Chile but now it's decision time.

echoed comments by team-

We have had a good look at them - we saw them take on Spain (Spain won 2-1) and they gave a good account of themselves," he said.

The Brazilians had

"So we have to redouble the attention we have paid them." assumed all along they would likely meet Chile on the basis they expected to win their



Chile players take part in a training session in Nelspruit yesterday. They take on Brazil in Johannesburg today.

group and that Spain would take their group leaving the Chileans as runners-up.

"What we saw of them was that that they play without fear and have a good turn of speed. We have to watch out for them on the counter-attack as they know how to play and won't just stay back," said Gilberto.

He added that Brazil will be

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Brazil

looking to up the tempo against Chile as "we are conscious we didn't turn in a great showing" against Portugal, the outcome a dull 0-0 in the absence of the suspended Kaka and rested Robinho.

"We know we shan't be able to make so many mistakes the Chileans can be dangerous. We will respect them."

Chile

Fabiano eyes United move

INTERNET

Brazil striker Luís Fabiano has said that a transfer from Sevilla to Manchester United this summer would be "very attractive".

"I have made it clear I will not be signing a new contract with Sevilla and at 29 I now need to join a club where I can start challenging for the highest honours from the first season," said Fabiano, who scored twice in his country's 3-1 World Cup win over Ivory Coast last week.

"The choice will come down to Manchester United and Milan. That is the sort of team I want to be signing for, one of the true giants of Europe."





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