No neighbourly love

PREVIEW

AFP, Cape Town

Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque takes no pleasure in avoiding Brazil in the World Cup second round, with Iberian rivals Portugal an equally tough hurdle for the European champions on Tuesday.

After a rocky start to the tournament, Spain pulled themselves together to top Group H with Brazil doing the same in Group G.

To many it was a relief, with the top two teams in the world meeting in the round of 16 seen as an anti-climax when that is the match long tipped by pundits as a potential final.

Portugal have won only five of their previous 32 meetings with Spain in all competition.

Spanish winger Jesus Navas attempted 40 crosses from open play: 18 more than any other player.

Del Bosque though said Portugal was as much of a challenge.

"We've seen how they





controlled the game against Brazil, hitting them on the counter-attack," he said.

"Portugal are going to be a very tough side. I take no satisfaction from the fact we're up against Portugal instead of Brazil. They are both great national teams."

What Del Bosque has taken satisfaction from is the way his team have bounced back from losing their opening game to Switzerland 1-0. It was a shock defeat but

they got back on track with a 2-0 win against Honduras before beating 10-man Chile

"We were very upset when we lost to Switzerland. We had to go against the current, swim upstream," he said.

"I think as from now we

will be more optimistic in every sense of the word and I'm sure that optimism will be seen on the pitch."

They go into the match with Real Madrid midfielder Xabi Alonso still uncertain after spraining his right ankle in the Chile match on Friday. If he fails to recover, 21-yearold Javi Martinez could take his place. Centre-back Raul Albiol is

also a doubt with a shin injury. Portugal have their own

injury worries with striker Danny set to miss the game with a badly bruised leg, but playmaker Deco returns after sitting out the 0-0 draw with Brazil. At stake for both teams is a

quarterfinal berth against either Paraguay or Japan at

Spanish striker David Villa leads his teammates on a warm-down after a training session yesterday, ahead of their knockout tie against neighbours Portugal today. Ellis Park in Johannesburg, a tempting fixture as both Spain and Portugal look to win the World Cup for the first time in their history.

The Portuguese finished second in their group after goalless draws with Ivory Coast and Brazil and a 7-0 rout of North Korea.

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Scorers

1 Higuain

2 Mueller

- Vittek

- Donovan

- A. Gyan

- Suarez

8 Eto'o

- Forlan

- Holman

- Honda

- Elano

- Tiago

- Uche

Klose

- Tevez

Podolski

Total goals:

- J. Hernandez

64 players scored

Average: 2.2 goals per match

- L. Fabiano

- Lee Jung-soo

The tally after June 27

Spain defender Sergio

Ramos is confident ahead of

their second round clash

with Portugal, but conceded

They successfully blunted Brazil's natural flair with Duda, Bruno Alves, Ricardo Carvalho and Ricardo Costa holding a solid line at the back.

Portugal have now kept a clean sheet in 22 of their last 26 internationals and these tactics are likely to be used again to counter the threat of Fernando Torres and the inform David Villa, who has already scored three goals.

Coach Carlos Queiroz warned though that statistics meant little in knockout football.

"We can't go into the round of 16 simply on reputation or statistics. The players now have to deliver the goods," he said. Winger Simao knows his

side will be facing one of the best teams in the world, but insists they have no fear.

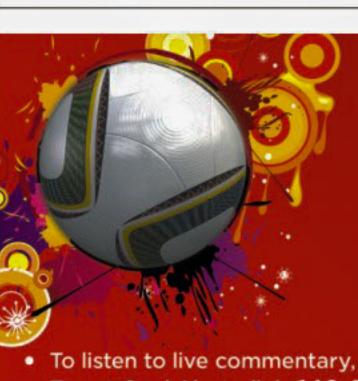
"Without showing them a lack of respect, we're not scared at all," said the Atletico Madrid star.

too. And to become better, we have to beat Spain. They're champions of Europe, but we have our own qualities."

"We've got a great team



ahead of today's crunch second round tie against Spain.



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Journalists take up the flag

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Journalists at the World Cup are to be given the chance to be linesmen in a FIFA initiative in Pretoria on Tuesday.

Football's governing body organised a referees openday before the controversial events of Sunday when mistakes from match officials influenced the results of last-16 matches between England and Germany, and Argentina and Mexico.

Referees are not allowed to discuss the events of games after matches but in an invitation sent to journalists covering the World Cup FIFA said: "Interested media are to try for themselves the implementation of the off-side law and the challenge that referee's assistants face."

FIFA today refused to comment on Uruguayan referee Jorge Larrionda ruling out Frank Lampard's goal and Italian match official Roberto Rosetti allowing Carlos Tevez's offside goal against Mexico.

Capello decision in two weeks

TELEGRAPH

Fabio Capello's future was thrown into doubt after England's lacklustre display at the World Cup, culminating in a 4-1 defeat to second round opponents Germany. "I spoke with Sir David Richards and in the next two weeks we

will decide. I said I can be the manager of England next season but we have to decide. I absolutely want to stay," said Capello. "I am happy with the meeting with Sir David Richards. I have

refused a lot of opportunties because I want to stay here, I like this Capello said the World Cup had been a valuable learning expe-

rience for him in the England job. "I understand a lot after this tournament, because the perfor-

mance was not what we wanted. We were very tired. "We need a winter break. Germany always arrive in second half

of season very well [because they have a winter break]. But it's not my job to decide that."

"When I chose the players, I followed them all for a long time. I took the best players for a job."

When asked further about the reason for England's capitulation in South Africa Capello expressed great concern for the condition of his players. "I think you can decide on a different style to 4-4-2, but it

always depends on the players. We beat Germany in Germany playing 4-4-2 but not here. I think it is down to the physical situation of the players why we lost, not the formation." "We are not happy. Lampard's goal was okay. When you get back to 2-2 the motivation is completely different but the third

goal for Germany was crucial." "Wayne Rooney played well some games, but you can't speak about one player. All the players were not as good as I know, they didn't play as fast or as quick as they can. In games against Mexico, Japan, the game here, USA, Algeria and Germany we played well but not as fast as we can."

Maradona's plea to protect Messi

AFP, Johannesburg

Diego Maradona shrugged off the latest World Cup referee blunder on Sunday to demand more protection for Lionel Messi, Argentina's prize asset and key to the country's title hopes.

Argentina saw off Mexico 3-1 to book a quarterfinal clash against Germany but the Mexicans were angry that Carlos Tevez's opening goal was allowed to stand despite the Manchester City striker being offside.

When quizzed about the goal, Maradona instead took the opportunity to defend Messi, who was fouled five times while Rafael Marquez was yellow carded for a bruising challenge on the star after 28 minutes.

When asked to appreciate Mexico coach Javier Aguirre's fury over Tevez's goal, Maradona went on the attack. "He would have felt the same way I do when

Messi is playing and he gets kicked around, but the referee doesn't act," fumed Maradona.

"(The goal) looks like it was absolutely nor-

be a good player like Messi and when you try to get the ball, you get kicked. "As soon as Messi gets the ball, they want to

mal. Listen, today we just had (Mexico players

receiving) cautions, but I know what it is like to

kick him, it is a scandal. "Against England, Germany played well,

because nobody was trying to kick them. "I just want Messi to be respected, there is a limit to everything."

Maradona is confident his side will now beat Germany, who crushed England 4-1, at Cape Town on Saturday in their quarterfinal show-

down. "We will take stock of our situation, then we will try and put together the best team to showcase our talents against Germany," said

Maradona. "It will be the team to give us the guarantee to overcome Germany. We know Germany are a

different team to the side we faced in Mexico. "They are stronger, but we will field the right

players to beat them."



Aragones not very optimistic

Ramos determined

Ronaldo.

to Switzerland.

that to stop their rivals they

must stop Cristiano

Spain will face the 2006

semifinalists on Tuesday

evening in Cape Town.

Ramos is confident about

the Spanish squad despite

losing the first group match

had in the group stage will

make Spain a stronger

team," Ramos said. "We are

pleased with our perfor-

mances so far and happy to

have finished top in the

group after the start we

team and they are in top

form. I am looking forward

to playing against team-

mates and friends Cristiano

Ronaldo and Pepe. Let's see

if we can make it to the

quarterfinals," said the 24-

year-old Real Madrid side-

with Ronaldo, believed that

the key to beating Portugal

lay in how well he can deal

with the world most expen-

strong and a speedster with

the ball at his feet. I have to

prevent him from receiving the ball and we must stop

him from having a lot of

room to work with," said a

determined Ramos.

"Cristiano is very fast,

sive footballer.

Ramos, who will confront

"Portugal are a great

"We hope the trouble we

Tournament favorites

to stop Ronaldo

Goals

Argentina 4

Germany 3

Slovakia 3

United States 3

Spain 3

Ghana 3

Uruguay 3

Cameroon 2

Uruguay 2

Australia 2

Japan 2

Brazil 2

Brazil 2

Portugal 2

S. Korea 2

Nigeria 2

Germany 2

Germany 2

Mexico 2

Argentina 2

back.

Lee Chung-yong S. Korea 2

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Former Spain manager Luis Aragones said that he was "not optimistic" about Spain's World Cup second round clash against neighbours Portugal. Aragones told Portuguese television channel SIC that "Spain

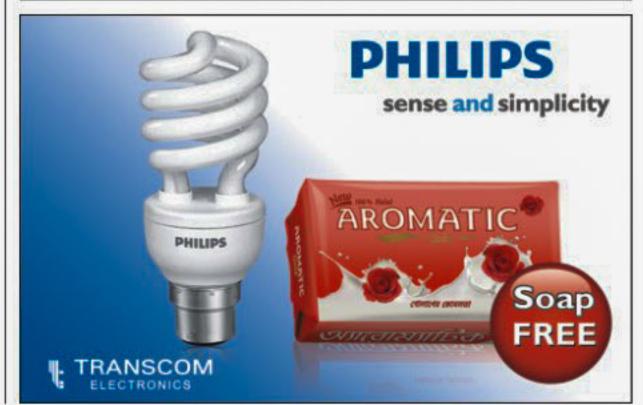
has not been at a good level at the start of the tournament. "They have been short of speed in moving the ball." He added that "if Portugal knows how to take the ball off

Spain then they are going to have options to win comfortably. I am not optimistic about the game because I see that Portugal has a great team." Aragones, 71, was manager of Spain from 2004 to 2008 and

led La Roja to triumph at Euro 2008, before leaving for Turkish giants Fenerbahce. He has been very critical of his successor Vicente del Bosque throughout the World Cup.

He told SIC that "Portugal is almost perfect defensively. In attack maybe they are short of something. It is a team that should be taken into consideration."

When asked about Portugal's star Cristiano Ronaldo, Aragones replied: "He is doing fairly well. He is player who can win any match in one or two moves thanks to his quality."



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Who is the only player to have scored goals for two different teams in the World Cup finals?	Suker	Prosinecki	Stankovic	
5. Who is this player?	Bolatti	De Rossi	Podolski	
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