



FOR EVERY ROAR THERE'S A TEAR: Dutch fans (L) celebrate their side's 2-1 win over Brazil in central Rotterdam on Friday as (R) a resident of Lima in Peru cries for her beloved Selecao at the same time.

Felipe Melo slammed

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Felipe Melo is facing a storm of criticism after his stamp on Arjen Robben. "He should be ashamed for Brazilian football."

The Juventus midfielder, who was voted Worst Player of the Season in Serie A, scored an own goal in yesterday's 2-1 quarterfinal defeat to Holland and was then sent off for stamping on Robben.

"I've seen the images of the red card situation, and you would be ashamed, ashamed for Brazilian football," slammed Dutch manager Bert van Marwijk.

"Instead of saying he was sorry or that he didn't mean to hurt him, Melo tried to defend his actions."

"Brazil tried to provoke us more than we provoked them, right from the start."

The reaction in Melo's homeland has also been harsh, as legend Ronaldo had words of advice on his Twitter feed.

"Felipe Melo should avoid coming to Brazil for his vacation."

Lesson learned for Dutch

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Netherlands finally put themselves among the favourites to win the World Cup after their impressive 13th straight competitive win knocked towering favourites Brazil out of the tournament.

However, the 2-1 quarterfinal victory over the five-time world champions on Friday was more than just the first major scalp the Dutch had claimed during their winning streak.

It also proved that the team in orange had learned lessons from the past.

Four years ago the Dutch were knocked out in the second round by Portugal in a bad-tempered match with 16 yellow cards and four players sent off. But yesterday against the refined Brazilians, they kept their composure and proved they now knew what was required to win at this stage of the finals.

"If you see the difference compared

with the Portugal match four years back it is clear that this team has really developed," Dirk Kuyt told reporters.

"Then, everything ran out of control but now it proved that playing in big competitions, like most of us do, really paid off," he added.

From the side that lost to Portugal in 2006, seven started against Brazil yesterday, while Nigel de Jong and Gregory van der Wiel, who are both suspended for the semifinal against Uruguay, were the only starters who were new to the squad.

The win over Brazil was also the first time that the Dutch had had to come from behind during their winning run.

During their qualification campaign they breezed through a group with Scotland, Norway, Iceland and Macedonia, while so far in the finals Bert van Marwijk's team have eased past Denmark, Japan, Cameroon and Slovakia.

So, the match against Brazil showed the Dutch also had the grit to turn a game around after their opponents had taken an early through Robinho and then had more chances to settle the match before the interval.

"After our poor start in the first half we straightened our back, and then you need some luck like we had with the equaliser," said Kuyt.

"But after the equaliser we felt that something snapped with Brazil, while we just went on playing our own game."

"This team is mentally so strong that even the late change of Andre Ooijer instead of Joris Mathijsen made no difference," he added.

But despite reaching the last four, Kuyt is not getting carried away.

"It feels so unreal reaching a semifinal but it is also just the next match," he said. "So on Tuesday we just have to be ready to play the next match of our lives."

'We can go all the way'

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The Inter Milan star struck with just over 20 minutes of the Port Elizabeth tie remaining to complete a remarkable comeback and keep the Oranje's World Cup dreams alive.

A goal down at half-time after Robinho had put the Selecao ahead, the Dutch rallied after the break and levelled thanks to a Felipe Melo own-goal before Sneijder headed them through to the next round.

"It seemed pretty much impossible to progress at half-time. However, we told each other during the break that we had to give it our all and that we could still make it to the semifinal," said Sneijder.

"We started the second half with attacking intentions and were rewarded with a quick equaliser. I got all the time and space I needed for our second goal and I didn't hesitate to head the ball home from inside the area."

"This is simply a fantastic feeling. We've beaten Brazil 2-1 to progress to the semifinals. This is a unique chance for us to go all the way. We never stopped fighting and we deserved the win after 90 minutes."

Van Persie in hospital

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Netherlands striker Robin van Persie was taken to hospital on Saturday for a scan on an arm injury three days before their semifinal with Uruguay in Cape Town, coach Bert van Marwijk said.

Van Marwijk told reporters in Johannesburg that defender Joris Mathijsen was also in hospital for a scan on a knee injury.

"Robin van Persie is in hospital at this moment for a scan and Joris Mathijsen is the same. Robin has an arm problem and Joris a knee problem," he said at a press briefing after a training session.

He did not think the Van Persie injury was serious but wanted to see the scan first to be sure.

Diego has a dig at refs

INTERNET

Argentina coach Diego Maradona went after World Cup referees on Friday, saying that Germany and Spain have benefited from "horrible" officiating to reach the quarterfinals.

Spain's goal in the 1-0 win over Portugal in the round of 16 should have been ruled offside by Argentine referee Hector Baldassi, Maradona said. He also disputed the red card shown to Portugal defender Ricardo Costa and said "every contested situation went Spain's way."

"I'm a good friend of Baldassi, we talk all the time, but my impression is that the refereeing was horrible," Maradona said.

Maradona also blasted Uruguayan referee Jorge Larrionda, who failed to award England an obvious goal in its 4-1 loss to Germany, Argentina's next opponent.

"I don't know if it was revenge or not, but England's goal the other day was very clear," Maradona said. "As it was also clear that the goal that the linesman gave England against Germany in '66, it's not that it hit the line, it hit outside (the line) altogether."

Kaka fails once again

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Brazil's Kaka has bowed out of the World Cup for the second time in a row with the frustration of failing to produce his best on the biggest stage.

Four years ago, the playmaker was in a star-studded albeit overconfident Brazil side that failed to meet expectations and were knocked out in the quarterfinals by France.

This time Kaka was given a much more prominent role but, still battling for full fitness, was only able to provide much-needed midfield inspiration in small doses.

Luck was also against him.

He was wrongly sent off in Brazil's second game with Ivory Coast and denied when his curling shot in Friday's quarterfinal with Netherlands was brilliantly saved by Maarten Stekelenburg.

If his chipped effort had gone in, Brazil would have had a potentially decisive 2-0 lead before halftime. Instead, the Dutch fought back for a stunning 2-1 win.

Kaka came into the World Cup after an injury-plagued debut season with Real Madrid.

Brazilians hoped he would peak at the right time and find the form that saw him named World Player of the Year in 2007.

But, like the rest of his team, he showed only exasperating flashes of his true potential, despite improving slowly as the tournament wore on.

"There were moments when I didn't think I was going to make it to the World Cup but my team mates gave me support and helped me to keep fighting," he told reporters. "Only I know how much I fought to get here."

"I wanted more, I wanted



IT IS OVER: A miserable Kaka walks off after their shock defeat at the hands of the Dutch during the quarterfinal at the Nelson Mandela Bay stadium in Port Elizabeth on Friday.

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to get to the final, I wanted to challenge for our sixth world title.

"We lost on the details, on two set pieces, and this causes a feeling of pain and frustration."

"I know how painful it is for those who are suffering with us and they can know that we are suffering as well."

Curiously, Kaka's most successful World Cup was 2002 where he left with a winner's medal but played for

only 20 minutes as a substitute in the group game against Costa Rica.

The 28-year-old said it was too early to think about playing in 2014, when Brazil will host the event.

"I don't know what's going to happen from here on," he said. "It's a very difficult moment for me, in my career."

"It's still a long way off and this defeat is very recent. At this moment, I have to reflect."

No saudade for Dunga

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

The word "saudade" is one of the most distinctive and frequently used in the Portuguese language, a barely translatable term used to describe deep longing for something or someone that is gone.

It is a sentiment which few will be feeling for Brazil's 2010 World Cup team.

The five-time champions were due to head home on Saturday evening and are almost certain to receive a mauling from the media, already at loggerheads at coach Dunga over his team's perceived lack of style and flair, after their quarterfinal exit at the hands of Netherlands.

Despite being one of the most technically gifted teams at the World Cup, Dunga's team put work rate, tactics and patriotism above talent and showed only isolated flashes of inspiration.

They brought only four forwards and two creative midfielders to South Africa, were not prepared to take risks and then criticised their opponents for "not wanting to play".

Some of the selections were inexplicable, such as the inclusion of former Manchester United midfielder Kleberson at the expense of Ronaldinho or Santos youngster Paulo Henrique Ganso.

The only source of midfield inspiration was Kaka, who was still regaining full fitness

after a difficult debut season with Real Madrid.

Inspired by the rantings of coach Dunga on the touchline, they harassed referees, received two red cards in five games and their matches against Ivory Coast, Portugal and Netherlands were three of the most niggly at the World Cup.

Dunga placed the emphasis firmly on efficiency and tactical discipline but, instead of that, Brazil fell to pieces in the second half against the Dutch after conceding an equaliser out of the blue shortly after the break.

Playing uninspiring football and failing to win the World Cup is the worst possible combination in the eyes of the Brazilian public and Dunga's side is likely to join the 1966 and 1990 teams in being considered the worst the country has produced.

Carlos Alberto Torres, captain of Brazil's winning 1970 World Cup team, said Dunga had paid the price for blind loyalty to the team which won the 2007 Copa America and the Confederations Cup last year.

"He went on about this business of having a united, closed group," Carlos Alberto told Reuters. "That's nonsense. The national team is for the best."

"Because of this philosophy, he left out the Santos lads, who are in great form, and experienced players, who you always need in a Cup."

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