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WORLD CUP SPECIAL

Viewers may break record

A worldwide television audience of more than 700 million is expected to watch the World Cup final between Netherlands and Spain on Sunday, FIFA said. Soccer's world governing body added that record viewing figures were reported in Germany for Wednesday's semifinal with Spain, while the United States had reported a 50 per cent increase in overall figures compared to 2006. "I think the audience for the final will be bigger than 2006, when it was watched by 700 million people," Niclas Ericson, director of FIFA's TV division,

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HE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST:

Spain's midfielder artist Andres Iniesta takes a dream run after his killer punch in the 116th minute of the 2010 World Cup final against the Netherlands at the Soccer City in Johannesburg yesterday.



Photo: AFP



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Germany striker Stefan Kiessling (L) and Uruguay defender Diego Godin fight for the ball during their World Cup third place play-off in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

Interesting facts about the World cup

- Check out some very interesting facts and figures about FIFA world cup:
- Italy have now drawn 21 games at World Cup Finals more than any other side
 - Brazil have now scored in 25 successive group matches at the World Cup, since drawing 0-0 with Spain in 1978
 - South Africa became the first host nation to be eliminated from the World Cup at the Group Stage
 - After 15 wins and three draws, Spain lost for the first time ever to Switzerland
 - It is now seven games without a win at an international tournament for France
 - South American sides lost just one of 15 Group Stage matches
 - The last time there was a World Cup group with no team winning more than one game was in 2002 and also involved England
 - Italy's goalkeepers made just one save at this World Cup, conceding five goals from six shots on target
 - Spain were the first team since Hungary in 1986 not to collect a single card in the group stage
 - Holland's win over Brazil was the South American side's first World Cup defeat outside Europe since 1950
 - Germany's 3rd place play-off match against Uruguay is their 99th match at the World Cup finals
 - Holland join France, Hungary and Italy as the only sides to have beaten Brazil twice at the World Cup
- Source: Internet

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