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Venue: Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury

Stadium, Chittagong

Loew's 100 against Italy

AFP, Cologne

Germany coach Joachim Loew will celebrate his 100th game in charge with a friendly against Italy in Milan on November 15, the German Football Federation (DFB) confirmed Saturday.

Having taken charge after the 2006 World Cup, Germany have won 67 of their 98 games under the 53-year-old Loew.

The Germans confirmed their World Cup place with a 3-0 win over the Republic of Ireland in Cologne on Friday.

Germany face Sweden in Stockholm on Tuesday in their final World Cup qualifier, then play the Azzurri on November 15, who have already booked their Brazil 2014 place.

"It is always our wish to play teams who are amongst the world's best," said Loew, after Italy beat Germany 2-1 in the Euro 2012 semi-finals on their last meeting.

"It's good for our development when we play teams at a high level."

Loew has also said Germany could then potentially face England in another friendly on November 19.

The fixture is dependant on the Three Lions securing their World Cup place ahead of the planned play-off matches on November 15 and 19 with England needing to beat Poland at Wembley on Tuesday to go through.

Australia sack Osieck

AFP, Sydney

Australia coach Holger Osieck has been sacked after the Socceroos were thrashed 6-0 by France in an international friendly, reports said on Saturday.

Despite guiding them to the World Cup finals, the German's position was on the line ahead of Friday's match in Paris after the team was hit for six by Brazil a month ago.

The Sydney Morning Herald said he has now paid the price.

"The most embarrassing pair of results in Socceroos history has ended the reign of coach Holger Osieck, who was dramatically sacked this morning," the newspaper reported.

It said Football Federation Australia chief David Gallop delivered the news to Osieck although there was no immediate official confirmation.

Calls have been growing for Osieck's head in recent weeks with former coach Guus Hiddink, who led the Socceroos to the 2006 World Cup, seen as a candidate to replace him.



Colombia striker Radamel Falcao is ecstatic after scoring one of his two goals against Chile during their 2014 World Cup qualifier in Barranquilla on Friday.

Colombia seal berth

RESULTS

AFP, Montevideo

Colombia 3 (Gutierrez 69, Falcao 75-pen, 84-pen)
Chile 3 (Vidal 19-pen, Sanchez 22, 29)

Ecuador 1 (Montero 30) Uruguay 0

Venezuela 1 (Seijas 83) Paraguay 1 (Benitez 28)

Argentina 3 (Lavezzi 23, 35, Palacio 47)

Peru 1 (Pizarro 21)

Colombia pulled off an amazing fightback to reach the World Cup for the first time since 1998 on Friday, rallying from 3-0 down to snatch a 3-3 draw against 10-man Chile in a six-goal thriller.

Monaco striker Radamel Falcao was the hero for the home side, keeping his cool to convert two late penalties as Colombia grabbed the point they needed to be certain of qualifying for next year's finals in Brazil.

Falcao's 84th-minute leveller capped an extraordinary turnaround for Jose Pekerman's Colombia, who had looked dead and buried inside the opening half hour after Chile raced to a 3-0 lead.

However the sending off of Chile's Carlos Carmona for two bookable offences midway through the second half was to be the catalyst for a remarkable comeback.

Teofilo Gutierrez pulled a goal back on 69 minutes to make it 3-1 before Falcao's late show gave Colombia a share of the points.

Chile had earlier looked certain to be heading for a win which would have seen them guarantee their ninth World Cup finals appearance after a flying start at a ground where Colombia had won their five previous matches.

Juventus star Arturo Vidal fired Chile into the lead on 19 minutes, sending Colombia keeper David Ospina the wrong way with a perfectly placed spot-kick to silence the home crowd.

Despite the absence through injury of captain Lionel Messi, Argentina notched a 3-1 win over Peru in Buenos Aires.

RESULTS

Croatia 1 (Kranjcar 83) **Belgium 2** (Lukaku 15, 38)

Denmark 2 (Bendtner 45+1, 79) Italy 2 (Osvaldo 28, Aquilani 90+1)

Germany 3 (Khedira 12, Schueller 58, Ozil 90+1) Ireland 0

Sweden 2 (Olsson 56, Ibrahimovic 86) Austria 1 (Harnik 29)

Netherlands 8 (van Persie 16, 43, 53, Strootman 25, Lens 38, Devcseri 65-og, van der Vaart 86, Robben 90) Hungary 1 (Dzsudzsak 47-pen)

Albania 1 (Salihu 88-pen) **Switzerland 2** (Shaqiri 47, Lang 77)

Luxembourg 0 **Russia 4** (Samedov 9, Faizulin 39, Glushakov 45, Kerzhakov 73)

Portugal 1 (Ricardo Costa 26) Israel 1 (Eden Ben Basat 85)

Bosnia-Herzegovina 4 (Dzeko 27, 39, Misimovic 34, Ibisic 38) Liechtenstein 1 (Hasler 61)

Greece 1 (Skrtel 44-og) Slovakia 0

London 4 (Rooney 49, Boskovic 62-og, Townsend 78, Sturridge 90+3-pen) Montenegro 1 (Damjanovic 71)

Ukraine 1 (Yarmolenko 64) Poland 0

Spain 2 (Xavi 61, Negredo 78) Belarus 1 (Kornilenko 89)

Germans, Belgians & Swiss thru'

AFP, Paris

Brasil 2014 Three-time champions Germany, Belgium and Switzerland reached the World Cup finals on Friday as England, Russia and Bosnia-Herzegovina edged closer to Brazil.

Germany booked their place with a convincing 3-0 win over the Republic of Ireland in Cologne to move to 25 points in Group C.

Belgium beat Croatia 2-1 in Zagreb to top Group A and make the finals for the first time since 2002.

Switzerland, meanwhile, reached the finals for the third time after a 2-1 win over Albania in Tirana to assure them of top spot in Group E.

The three join Italy and Netherlands who had already made sure of qualification.

Goals by Real Madrid's Sami Khedira, Chelsea's Andre Schuerle and Arsenal's Mesut Ozil confirmed Germany's place in Brazil.

Second-placed Sweden's 2-1 win at home to Austria left Germany five points clear ahead of their final qualifier against the Swedes in Stockholm on Tuesday.

On-loan Everton striker Romelu Lukaku scored the two first-half goals that took Belgium through.

Lukaku found the target in the 16th and 38th minutes with Niko Kranjcar hitting a late consolation for Croatia who must now hope to make the finals via the play-offs.

Second-half goals from Xherdan Shaqiri and Michael Lang gave Ottmar Hitzfeld's Switzerland victory in Tirana and an unassailable 21 points at the top of Group E.

Tottenham's Andros Townsend crowned his international debut with a fine goal as England beat Montenegro 4-1 to close in on an automatic place in Brazil.

Wayne Rooney broke the deadlock early in the second half and a calamitous own goal from Branko Boskovic doubled the hosts' lead, before Dejan Damjanovic replied for the visitors.

Townsend restored England's two-goal cushion with 11 minutes to play, however, driving home right-footed from 25 yards before an injury-time penalty from Daniel Sturridge completed the scoring.

England will approach their final game at home to Poland on Tuesday needing another win to secure a berth in Brazil.

They lead Group H by a point from Ukraine, who beat Poland 1-0 in Kharkiv.

Russia, coached by Fabio Capello, cruised to a 4-0 win in Luxembourg to open a four-point lead over Portugal in Group F.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, who have never made a major finals, saw off whipping boys Liechtenstein 4-1 with Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko scoring twice.

They lead Group G on goal difference from Greece who edged Slovakia 1-0.

The Netherlands swamped Hungary 8-1 in Amsterdam with Robin van Persie grabbing a hattrick.

Brazil outclass Korea

AFP, Seoul

Brasil 2014 Brazil star Neymar weathered some harsh attention before scoring a stunning free-kick as he led the World Cup hosts to a 2-0 friendly win over South Korea on Saturday.

The Barcelona forward curled his shot past Korean goalie Jung Sung-Ryong just before half-time, with Chelsea's Oscar getting the visitors' second shortly after the break.

Neymar, 21, had been in doubt for the game after a heavy fall in training, and he was targeted with some tough challenges and constant attention in front of a near-capacity crowd.

But the young idol had the last laugh at Seoul World Cup Stadium when he thumped his strike over the wall and to the right of Jung, who got a hand to the ball but could not keep it out.

Neymar was targeted from start to finish as Hong Myung-Bo's team, already qualified for next year's World Cup, opted for tactics of harassment and frustration.

The Brazilian threw up his hands in exas-

peration and had a few testy moments with other players, even getting into a shoving match near the teams' benches late in the first half.

After a tepid start to the game, Neymar had taken the ball in midfield and danced through defenders before threading a pass to Oscar, whose shot travelled over the bar.

But after being brought down for the umpteenth time, Neymar took matters into his own hands as he opened the scoring with his free kick.

Brazil doubled their just three minutes into the second half. Paulinho put Oscar through and the midfielder went past the helpless Jung before putting it into the gaping net.

South Korea brought on Son Heung-Min in the 65th minute, hoping the Bayer Leverkusen winger could add some spark to the lethargic attack.

And the home side were more lively in the last half-hour, with Lee Chung-Yong heading a corner wide in the 68th minute.

It was as close as South Korea came to score in the match, as the five-time World Cup champions outclassed the hosts.



Brazil star Neymar jumps for joy after his opening goal against South Korea during their international friendly in Seoul yesterday.

Del Potro dumps Nadal in semis

Meets Djokovic in final

AFP, Shanghai



World number one Rafael Nadal was dumped out of the Shanghai Masters on Saturday by inspired Argentine Juan Martin del Potro, who blew the Spaniard away with a relentless display of brutal hitting to set up a final against Novak Djokovic.

The giant del Potro, fresh from winning the Japan Open, went into the semifinal at the Qizhong Tennis Center trailing 8-3 in head-to-heads, but rocked Nadal with a double break in the first set and kept up the pressure to win 6-2, 6-4.

Earlier, top seed Djokovic swept aside Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-2, 7-5 to earn the chance to defend his title.

Nadal has enjoyed one of the best seasons of his career, winning 10 titles including the French Open and the US Open, and came into the match with all eyes on yet another showdown with Djokovic.

But the 13-time Grand Slam champion was given the run-around by the sixth seed, who launched a sustained and blistering all-court attack from the start, achieving the rare feat of out-hitting his illustrious opponent.

Jimenez rescues Mexico

AFP, Mexico City

Brasil 2014 Mexico won a new chance to qualify for the World Cup after a splendid bicycle kick by Raul Alonso Jimenez helped his team defeat Panama on Friday.

Jimenez scored his wonder goal five minutes before the end and just two minutes after entering the game to give the home side a 2-1 victory at a packed Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.

The victory gives Mexico command of the fourth spot in the CONCACAF regional group, which would give them a playoff game with Oceania champions New Zealand.

The United States and Costa Rica have secured two of the three direct qualifying spots with one round left to play on Tuesday.

Honduras hold the third spot with 14 points, three ahead of Mexico, and need only to draw at last-placed Jamaica on Tuesday to clinch the final direct entry from

North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Mexico, who face Costa Rica on Tuesday, still have a slim chance of avoiding the New Zealand clash and qualifying outright as the third-place finishers in the six-nation group. But there is still a slight chance they could be knocked from fourth place by Panama, who host the United States in the final set of matches next week.

Mexico opened the score against Panama at the 40th minute with Manchester United forward Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez lobbing a pass to Oribe Peralta who didn't miss his chance inside the area.

But Hernandez missed a penalty in the second half after his weak attempt was saved by goalkeeper Jaime Penedo.

His miss was followed by a costly mistake by keeper Guillermo Ochoa, whose failure to secure the ball inside the area allowed Luis Tejada to tap it in from close range in the 80th.

But Jimenez came in for Jesus Eduardo Zavala and revived Mexico's hopes.

