



PANDO! or GORDO?
2010 FIFA World Cup

BBC TICKER: *The French FA has announced that the French players have cancelled training today after two staff members resigned and the President of the French FA has resigned*



EURO IN FREEFALL!

Not the currency > The FOOTBALL!

ITALY?
SPAIN?
ENGLAND?
FRANCE?
GERMANY?

Match 27: SLOVAKIA v PARAGUAY

Date: SUN 20Jun10

Venue: Bloemfontein FREE STATE STADIUM



PANDO! or GORDO? GORDO?

+ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY?! Not with this match Both sides came out and kept giving the ball to each other

SLOVAKIA was far the messier and were punished by PARAGUAY in the 28th minute when they gave away the ball in their third, LUCAS BARRIOS took the benevolence and sent a perfect thru-ball through the '5-hole' to ENRIQUE VERA who hit an inside/out ball with his R/Foot while falling > U/Left

In fact, most of PAR's best chances in the first half came off TO's deep in SVK's half

SVK didn't put together a decent attack, or strike their first shot until the 37th minute with a skied header off a CK

The second half was more of the same

Aimless Slovakia restless to go home and were punished again when Sunderland-bound CRISTIAN RIVEROS slotted home his L/Footer to finish off any Slovak hope

SVK MoM: snore

PAR MoM: ENRIQUE VERA

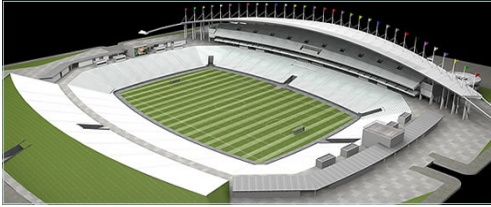
Hard-nosed, midfielder is normally a defensive specialist who was for positive today w/ PRG chasing points Also courted by ECUADOR for their MNT



Match 28: ITALY v NEW ZEALAND

Date: SUN 20Jun10

Venue: Nelspruit MBOMBELA STADIUM



PANDO! or GORDO? PANDO!

+ **WELLINGTON, AUCKLAND, GOLD COAST, TAMPA BAY (USL) & UNATTACHED!**

The fertile cradle of NEW ZEALAND football came to the fore and held the WC holders in a simply heroic, monolithic match! All the more amazing is that NEW ZEALAND has no professional football and they must play in Australia to stay close to home!

Amazing > You've got unemployed SIMON ELLIOTT training at Home Depot Center and NZ players who are veterans of the A-League and even the Orange Coast Blue Wave!

Despite the fact that NEW ZEALAND somehow managed to score first, it's been good fun this morning and ITALY had to open up early

GALAXY POWER CONTINUES WORLDWIDE when friend SIMON ELLIOTT whipped in a FK into the box, the ball caromed off an ITA defender and SHANE SMELTZ poked it home to horror of the entire Italian peninsula

ITA then pressured and turned on the flair and were rewarded with a soft (but correct) PK call that VINCENZO IAQUINTA slotted home to draw even at the half

ITA MoM: none

NZ MoM: ALL BACK FOUR + GK

Heroic, monumental effort by RYAN NELSEN and everyone in the back-five NELSEN ran his legs off, just as he has done for DC United and GK MARK PASTON pulled out some incredible, diving saves to keep NZ in it All the more miraculous is that he is still recovering from a broken leg and didn't turn pro until he was 26YO!



Match 29: BRAZIL v IVORY COAST

Date: SUN 20Jun10

Venue: Pretoria LOFTUS VERSFELD STADIUM



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+ *PLAY AN AFRICAN SIDE = AN AFRICAN LOSS*

Brazil just toyed with the IVORY COAST and only scored because BRA almost let him have it

Early on, CIV attacked mostly down the R/Flank but never connected with quality - beginning to sound familiar, huh?

LUIS FABIANO scored the first BRA goal when he took a velvet-soft ball from KAKA in the R/Box and roofed his goal (ala Landon) with his R/Foot He came right back in the second half to bash home his brace with his L/Foot He flicked-to himself twice in the sequence and then crushed it > L/Right – The Ref was correct in letting two marginal handballs go here as those same balls would have come off his shoulder in all likelihood

KAKA continued to pile on misery when on the L/Flank he found ELANO making a run into the box and sent him a great ball that ELANO just had to re-direct into the L/Right for the easiest of goals

DIDIER DROGBA cashed in the consolation goal when he made another great run > the box and headed home a nice cross > L/Right

The match got ridiculous after that with pushing, shoving and guys whacking each other with their purses yawn – more African indiscipline

An 'easy as you want it' win for BRA and we'll probably only see their best in the second round

BRA MoM: LUIS FABIANO

Leading scored in the 2009 Confederations Cup did with both feet!

CIV MoM: DIDIER DROGBA

The only CIV who knew what he was doing and running his arse off

WORLD CUP WINNERS BY CONTINENT

Where they play their club futbol

EUROPE > 214

Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia (Moscow & St. Petersburg), Scotland, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine

ASIA > 27

Israel, Japan, Korea, Russia (Tom Tomsk), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

AMERICAS > 22

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay

AFRICA > 1

Ghana

Every player who appears for a winning side is counted



PANDO! or GORDO? SIDE OF THE TOURNAMENT



GK: Diego BENAGLIO (SUI)

D: Steve CHERUNDOLO (USA) - Diego GODIN (URU)
MAICON (BRA) – Rafael MARQUEZ (MEX)

M: Landon DONOVAN (USA) - Milan JOVANOVIC (SER)
Lionel MESSI (ARG) - PARK Ji-Sung (KOR)

F: Luis FABIANO (BRA) - Diego FORLAN (URU) - Alexis SANCHEZ (CHI)

Bench: M Michael Bradley (USA), GK Tim HOWARD (USA), Thomas MULLER (GER),
D Ryan NELSEN (NZ), F Lukas PODOLSKI (GER), F ROBINHO (BRA), Dennis
ROMMEDAHL (DEN), Siphwe TSHABALALA (RSA)