

# **PANDO! or GORDO?**

# 2010 FIFA World Cup

BBC TICKER: USA out-of-contract defender JAY DEMERIT is entertaining offers from BLACKPOOL, LEEDS UNITED & SHEFFIELD UNITED ....













Match 62: GERMANY v ESPANA [Semi-Finals]

Date: WED 7Jul10

Venue: Durban DURBAN STADIUM



#### PANDO! or GORDO? GORDO?

- + Maybe the signs just weren't there ....
- 1) PAUL THE GENIUS OCTOPUS picks ESP! And, he lives in GER ....
- 2) Just hours before the Semi-Final, former GER Captain MICHAEL BALLACK was asked to leave the GER camp after he got into a spat with current captain PHILLIP LAHM who told BALLACK that he will not give up the captaincy even when BALLACK returns!
- 3) And, some nutter runs onto the pitch in the fourth minute! Maybe he too sensed the lack of urgency for GER and wanted to perk them up .. .. whatever .. ..

GER didn't attack very much in the first-half simply because they didn't get the ball .... Their first counterattack effort didn't come until the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute .... ESP was outshooting GER 4-0 before GER's lone first-half effort in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute .... In perhaps a preview of future attractions, CARLES PUYOL got on the end of an ESP CK in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute and crushed his header high ....

Was it me or did it seem like GER was playing in a bog? Perhaps the pitch wasn't in the best condition, but GER looked very laboring .... But ESP's PEDRO was buzzing all over and DAVID VILLA was making his runs ....

But Déjà vu finally did strike when PUYOL came charging out of the back, jumped over a teammate and crushed home a CK from Xavi to the clinch the deal .. .. So much was made of GER's young legs yet the big goals of the semi-finals came from two grizzled veterans

(Van Bronckhorst & Puyol) > That needs to be remembered > A good side has both young legs and old heads ....

**GER MoM:** none

## **ESP MoM: CARLES PUYOL**

Barcelona Captain may find it hard to be the darling of Spain because of all the political tensions at Barca, but he is that darling now! 32YO scored the most important goal in Spain's history!

# **WORLD CUP WINNERS BY CONTINENT**

Where they play their club futbol ....

#### EUROPE > **547**

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

### AMERICAS > 57

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

#### ASIA > 48

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

#### AFRICA > 11

Ghana, South Africa

#### OCEANA > 1

Australia

Every player who appears for a winning side is counted ....