

BBC TICKER: English Pubs, Supermarkets and Stores stand to lose a combined \pounds 1.2 Billion due to England's World Cup Flop as England kits & flags are now slashed to just \pounds 2.....







Match 55: PARAGUAY v JAPAN [Round of 16] Date: TUE 29Jun10 Venue: Pretoria LOFTUS VERSFELD STADIUM



PANDO! or GORDO? GORDO?

+ Just as we thought > PARAGUAY is a dour, defensive-minded bunker of a side and JAPAN will run and run and NOT score In both halves, JPN looked a wee bit more creative, but their lack of cutting edge played right into the hands of PRG and never looked like scoring – Both sides never looked like scoring in regulation time

PRG MoM: OSCAR CARDOZO

Benfica PK specialist came on in extra time just for PKs and produced as he just waited for the GK to lean and he just rolled it the opposite way to win it for PRG!!!

JPN MoM: KEISUKE HONDA

Technically-brilliant striker really shined on the biggest stage with his first-rate touch and vision ... Perhaps the best technical footballer JPN has ever produced Took the last PK for Nipon, calmly attacking L/Footed and rolled it home easily!

Match 56: SPAIN v PORTUGAL [Round of 16] Date: TUE 29Jun10 Venue: Cape Town GREEN POINT



PANDO! or GORDO? PANDO!

+ The entertainment chasm between these two matches were immense

SPAIN came out firing in the first half, unleashing 4 hard shots before any reply which came in the form of a soft RONALDO FK in the 17^{th} minute ...

POR GK EDUARDO looked shaky early on > Not able to catch ESP's first 3 shots cleanly and whacking a goal-kick directly out ...

Then, against the run of play, TIAGO crushed a ball through IKER CASILLAS' hands that forced him to scramble back and punch away the rebound

After that, POR began to probe forward but never seriously threatened the ESP goal

The deadly DAVID VILLA started the second half by setting off POR alarms when he took a ball at the top of the L/Box, cut-back to his right and hit a hard curler that flew just inches to the right of the POR goal

VILLA did finally cash in when took a nice ball in the L/Box in the 63^{rd} minute, had his L/Footed shot saved but then instinctively R/Footed the rebound > center of the POR goal for the only score ESP needed ...

The match was marred late when RICARDO COSTA started itching for a confrontation starting in the 80^{th} minute and COSTA what he was looking for when he got a straight RC in the 89^{th} minute ...

ESP MoM: DAVID VILLA

In a Festival lacking in cold-blooded assassins, Villa's achievements are that much more amazing–Hard, easy it doesn't matter as he approaches a half-dozen goals!!

POR MoM: none

WORLD CUP WINNERS BY CONTINENT

Where they play their club futbol

EUROPE > **472**

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

AMERICAS > 52

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

ASIA > **47**

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





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GK: Diego BENAGLIO (SUI)

D: Steve CHERUNDOLO (USA) - Diego GODIN (URU) - D Ryan NELSEN (NZ)

M: Landon DONOVAN (USA) - Keisuke HONDA (JPN) – Lionel MESSI (ARG) Thomas MUELLER (GER) – Wesley SNEIJDER (NED)

F: Diego FORLAN (URU) – David VILLA (ESP)

Bench: M Michael BRADLEY (USA), F Didier DORGBA (CIV), F Luis FABIANO (BRA), F Asamoah GYAN (GHA), M Milan JOVANOVIC (SER), D Rafael MARQUEZ (MEX), GK Manuel NEUER (GER), F Lukas PODOLSKI (GER), F Cristiano RONALDO (POR), F Alexis SANCHEZ (CHI), GK Mark SCHWARZER (AUS), F Luis SUAREZ (ECU), M PARK Ji-Sung (KOR), F Carlos TEVEZ (ARG), F Robert VITTEK (SVK)