

Brazil became champions for the fifth time as top scorer Ronaldo exorcised the ghosts of , scoring both goals in the Final against Germany.

The locals seemed genuinely interested and were fantastically welcoming, while the stadiums were superb. Senegal stunned holders France in the opening game of the tournament. The initial excitement of a World Cup can quickly fade as teams look to get at least a point to get their campaign underway, often serving up drab, cagey opening games. But among the usual early tournament fare, a couple of gems shine brightly. One, strangely, a victory for Germany. As so often seems to be the case in football, the fixture list had immediately thrown up a delightful quirk. England took the lead in the first half through Sol Campbell. But Sweden dominated the second half and deservedly equalised through Niclas Alexandersson. As a palpably unfit David Beckham trudged off after an hour, England were hanging on. The mood at full-time was not one of optimism. Before the tournament, most people felt that Sweden and England were vying for second place in Group F behind the much-fancied Argentina, while you could never rule out the unpredictable Nigerians. And even with second place, there was the likelihood of facing France - who would surely bounce back from their opening day embarrassment - in round two. There was no doubt Sweden had been the better side, and the realisation was dawning that we might well need to take at least a point from Argentina to progress. Sol Campbell scored the opener for England against Sweden. Looking back, games in the group stages often blend into one. Instead of remembering goals and results, other little details are the ones that live longest in the memory. If memory serves the Turks were getting very narky after a very iffy late penalty gave the Brazilians a lead. As the game moved into injury-time, Hakan Unsal booted the ball at Rivaldo near the corner flag. The ball struck the Brazilian somewhere near the knee. Rivaldo seemed to wait an age before collapsing to the ground, clutching his face in apparent agony. From the time the draw had been made, all English eyes had been fixed firmly on one match. Friday, June 7, in the bizarre indoor dome at Sapporo: Or to put it another way, David Beckham versus Diego Simeone. The magical win in Munich had given England revenge over the other old footballing enemy to put one over us on penalties, and here was the chance to repeat that success. Of course, no-one believed it was possible. I remember a tight first half, with Argentina starting brightly before England began to find their stride. I seem to remember Danny Mills and Nicky Butt being brilliant. Then, on the verge of half-time, with everyone looking at nil-nil and a job half done, something wonderful happened. As he gathered the ball and walked towards the penalty spot, his nemesis Simeone offered a handshake. Brilliantly, Beckham ignored him. Beckham stepped up and drilled it straight down the middle, past a stranded Pablo Cavallero. England were beating Argentina. The second half is a complete blur in my mind. I seem to remember Teddy Sheringham trying a couple of audacious volleys and nearly pulling them off and a fine surging run from cuddly Leeds defender Mills. As the group stages wore on, it became clear that a couple of the big teams were in real trouble. France needed to beat Denmark by two goals in their last game to get through, and Argentina now needed to beat the disciplined and skilful Swedes to make the last. As it turned out, France limped apologetically out of the World Cup, thoroughly outplayed by Denmark, who won the game to top the group above Senegal. Even Uruguay finished above Les Bleus. France, without a win and without a goal left only one mark on the competition - the worst ever record for defending champions. As millions of England fans got up early for the 7: All the excitement was happening in Miyagi where Sweden were holding Argentina to a draw. The Argies had joined the French in going home early, we were through, and life was good. In the other groups, the biggest surprise was the success of the hosts. Japan and South Korea qualified impressively, both topping their groups with two wins and a draw from their three group games. Japan made it to the last 16 at their home World Cup. Spain and Brazil were the only teams to win all three of their group games, while Germany and Italy got through despite being a bit rubbish. England had managed to wangle another evening kick-off, which meant a nice and manageable lunchtime kick-off in the UK. The conspiracy theorists maintained that England had contrived the bore draw with Nigeria in order to avoid topping the group and therefore facing a clash with Senegal in the full heat of the day. If this was the

plan, it was a phenomenally short-sighted one, as even a cursory glance at the fixture list revealed that the winner of this evening second round tie would face a likely daytime battle with Brazil in the quarter-finals. But that was all for another day. Denmark were the opponents, and not to be taken lightly. England got off to the best possible start. In the fifth minute, Beckham swung over a corner from the left. Denmark had, for some reason, decided to eschew marking in favour of standing around looking confused. As everyone else looked on, Rio Ferdinand arrived at the back post with the simplest of chances. He had only to nod in from no more than two yards out and England were ahead. Instead, the centre-back scuffed his header back across goal, straight to Thomas Sorensen in the Denmark goal. Apparently surprised to receive this gift, Sorensen contrived to drop the ball agonisingly over the line and into the goal. We went mental, and, hilariously, Ferdinand did as well, launching into a ridiculous over-the-top "Bo, bo, bo! Had Sorensen not made that error, Denmark might have gone on to win and Ferdinand could well have replaced Seaman as the villain of the piece for the England fans. England ran riot for the rest of the first half, with Owen adding a second goal after a nice turn and crisp finish. This was brilliant, but England knew it was their day when the much-maligned Emile Heskey managed to get on the scoresheet. Three-nil at half-time, and the second half was a cruise, an exercise in conserving energy for tougher times ahead, as England equalled their biggest World Cup finals win.

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The FIFA World Cup was the 17th FIFA World Cup, the quadrennial world championship for men's national football teams organized by blog.quintoapp.com was held from 31 May to 30 June at sites in South Korea and Japan, with its final match hosted by Japan at International Stadium in Yokohama.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: This book covers the most important issues in sports today and in the context of the World Cup demonstrates how these issues are manifest. The book reaches its goals of detailing the essential preliminaries on the way to fully understanding what happened at the games and provides an informative account of the development of professional football in both Korea and Japan p. It covers the issues of critical importance: Although the articles focus on Japan and Korea, their analysis of sport goes beyond this specific context and this specific sport. Why the World Cup? What is the World Cup? It is a serious business as well as a public display of national achievements, and a showcase of individual and collective excellence it also serves as a labour market for some of the best-paid salaried employees in the world. The starting field in included: Football is not just a sport played in fields and schoolyards. It is an activity that involves millions of people as players, fans, and administrators. It is global in scope and participation and involves millions of dollars in salaries, stadia, memorabilia, TV coverage, and ad sales. Why Japan and Korea as co-hosts? In the first section of the book, an excellent analysis of the relationship between sport and politics is provided. The games are the first finals to be held in Asia and the first to be co-hosted by two countries, Korea and Japan. The thorny relations between Korea and Japan served as "an opportunity to make effective use of the World Cup as moral leverage in diplomatic relations" p. During the colonial period " , "sports were seen as a way of expressing Korean nationalistic sentiment and resistance to the Japanese" p. The relations between Korea and Japan during the twentieth century were antagonistic and left bitter scars [End Page] and ongoing disputes over such issues as the "comfort women" forced prostitution of Korea women , textbook depiction of Japanese actions in Asia, and the right-wing jingoism of some Japanese. However, many young people in both countries do not harbor the grudges and issues of the older members of these groups, and there was great interest as to how they would react to working together to co-host the tournament. As Gavin McCormack observes, "If the Korean stadium can come to life in rejoicing over a Japanese victory, and likewise the Japanese stadia celebrate Korean victories as their own, that would have a significance far greater than any outcome in the final" p. As I was living in Tokyo at the time of the games, watching them on TV, especially listening to the groups of young people at Shinjuku and Chongno who commented on the games, and the comments of students at Waseda International Division, this had been achieved. When Japan beat Russia, the roar in the neighborhood was such that I went out to observe people of all ages watching and cheering as the game was replayed in coffee shops and restaurants. TVs were turned so people You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Firstly, this World Cup took place on the Asian Continent for the first time and secondly, it was the first tournament that had two host countries. These countries are a prime example of football conquering the world. This World Cup triggered a big hype in the land of the rising sun and people were more interested in football than ever. Panini also produced a phenomenal album for this World Cup in to emphasize the uniqueness of this tournament. In the course of the finals one could experience how people were moving closer and closer together. This was the case, even though a great ocean is separating the two countries. Let yourself be part of this fascination and relive this incredible time. The lettering "Korea Japan" is accentuated by the colors blue and red. The font highlights the Asian character of the series. The album has 64 pages. Because it was the first time that a World Cup has been held in two countries this Panini World Cup album contains more stadiums than ever. This World Cup took place in ten different Japanese and south Korean stadiums each. Consequently, the football matches were held in 20 stadiums in total. The map on the back of the Panini album illustrates the dimensions of this tournament: The sticker packets The Panini World Cup sticker packets are matched to the album. The packet stands out because of its yellow edge. The yellow color of the embossing emphasizes the lettering "Land of the rising sun". This description stands symbolically for Japan and it is supposed to mirror its Asian flair. Panini released different stickers that can be put into the album. Particularities The particularities that exist in this Panini World Cup series are as unique as the tournament. Never in the history of Panini, there was anything comparable. True football experts and collectors were not only surprised but also amazed. The following specific characteristics have occurred in this series: For the first time in the history of the World Cup, there were packets with 6 stickers. However, they were solely released in North and South America. The European packets only contained 5 stickers, as usual. For this reason, one rarely heard or talked about the Irish team in this series. Only in the later editions these stickers were included in the German packets. Experience the joy of collecting Due to the above-mentioned particularities, the Panini World Cup series is rather rare. Take the unique opportunity to obtain a true rarity. Here you can also find the rare packets from North and South America. Experience the joy and fun of collecting.

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