







Pre\_\_view

# Ronaldo a question mark as South Korea seek points

Portugal, the 2016 Euro champions, have already qualified for Round of 16 while South Korea are third in Group H

By Rizwan Rehmat  
Doha

Portugal coach Fernando Santos yesterday said captain Cristiano Ronaldo is not a certainty against Asian giants South Korea when the two teams clash in the last match of the group stage at Education City Stadium today.

Group H points leaders Portugal, however, are under no pressure to include Ronaldo, 37, who missed training on Wednesday. Portugal, the 2016 Euro champions, have six points after wins over Ghana and Uruguay.

"I think it is 50-50 if he plays the match or not. We will see how it goes," Santos said at a news conference yesterday. "It will depend on if and how he feels during practice. If we see he is in good condition, maybe he will play the match. There is a plan if he is not available," Santos added.

Ronaldo spent the morning recovering at a gym where the backroom staff was trying to get the Portugal captain ready for the Round of 16 clash. Later in the evening, Ronaldo was in seen doing light training.

The Portugal camp yesterday also confirmed that Nuno Mendes' Qatar campaign has ended following a thigh injury the PSG star sustained in their match against Uruguay.

When asked about Mendes' injury, Santos said yesterday: "He will continue to stay in Qatar because the player wanted it. PSG allowed him to stay here with us at the World Cup. This reflects the spirit of the team and how united we all are."

Raphael Guerreiro, the Borussia Dortmund full-back, is likely to replace Mendes as he did against Uruguay.

With Otavio and Danilo Perei-

Box

**PORTUGAL vs SOUTH KOREA**

**When:** Today, 6pm  
**Where:** Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan  
**Capacity:** 44,667

**Key stats:**

- ◆ Portugal are already through to the knockout stage and can secure top spot with a draw or a win, while South Korea will be out if they fail to win.
- ◆ Forward Cho Gue-sung is the first player to score two goals in a World Cup match for South Korea.
- ◆ Portugal have lost only one of their last 14 World Cup group-stage matches (W8 D5).
- ◆ South Korea are the only Asian country to have reached the semi-finals of the World Cup, when they were co-hosts in 2002, while Portugal's best achievement was the third-place finish in 1966.

**Previous meetings:** South Korea defeated Portugal 1-0 in a group game at the World Cup in 2002 as Park Ji-sung scored for the Asian side, which was then managed by Guus Hiddink.

ra also out injured, Santos said he expects the players in the reserves to step up against South Korea.

"I have complete confidence in all my players," Santos said. "I'm already missing three players, let's see about others. Playing every four days is tough, players get tired and then they experience fatigue."

"Fatigue leads to stress and stress leads to injuries."

"We want to win and finish top in our group because this will give us an extra day to recover the players in the best way possible," Santos said.

South Korea's Portuguese coach Paulo Bento yesterday sought a dedicated performance from his players against Portugal.

"We played our first two matches with a lot of passion. We will have to show that passion again (against Portugal)."

"But we'll also need a bit of luck. If we have all that, we can



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo (left) takes part in a training session at the Al Shahania SC training site, northwest of Doha, on the eve of the Qatar 2022 World Cup match against South Korea. (AFP)

create a miracle," Bento said yesterday. Bento candidly admitted that Portugal – who are ranked 9 in the world – are a force even without Ronaldo or the absent injured players. South Korea are aiming to qualify for the Round of 16 for the third time after

2002 and 2010.

"He (Portugal coach) can play in different ways, with different formations, he can make three or four changes in his team and they will stay at the same level," Bento explained. "In addition, the context is favourable for

them because they are already qualified and a draw will ensure first place," Bento added.

Bento, who played for Portugal 35 times, will not be available for his side following a red card he picked up in the match against Ghana. Bento

said: "They (the assistants) make most of the decisions, they suggest them to me. It's not going to be a problem. This time they will be on their own but it won't change much. The players are also in line with the technical staff."

South Korean defender Kim Young-gwon said facing Portugal would be a tough challenge. He said: "They have all these talented players. To contain them we'll have to play as a team, as one unit. We don't have anywhere else to go than forward."



South Korea's Portuguese coach Paulo Bento (left) and South Korea's defender Kim Young-gwon arrive to give a press conference at the Qatar National Convention Center in Doha. (AFP)

**I couldn't sleep over World Cup injury fear, says veteran Pepe**

**Doha:** Veteran Portugal defender **Pepe** admitted yesterday he lost sleep before the World Cup because he was worried he would miss the tournament through injury.

The 39-year-old became the third-oldest outfield player to feature at a World Cup on Monday, starting for the first time in almost two months in the 2-0 win over Uruguay. Pepe suffered a knee sprain in early October and made his return as a substitute for his club Porto in their final match before the World Cup on November 12.

"When I had the injury, I couldn't sleep to be honest," Pepe told a press conference, a day before his team play South Korea in their final Group H match.

"I couldn't sleep because I wanted to recover as soon as possible and play in another World Cup, to contribute to my national team, to achieve victory."

"So the journey seemed very long, but it is now over."

"I have to look ahead, to look forward with objective of doing the best I can to secure a win." Portugal have already qualified for the last 16 but can guarantee top spot if they win or draw against South Korea today.

Daniilo Pereira started at centre-back alongside Ruben Dias in the first game but fractured three ribs in training, allowing Pepe to step in and produce a strong display to shut out Uruguay.

He said even after 130 appearances he was still enjoying playing for his country.

"I can't say if it's the last World Cup that I will play," said Pepe.

"I am here to enjoy the tournament. It's a privilege to do what I love, to play football."

Portugal have one of the stronger squads at the tournament, featuring Cristiano Ronaldo, Bruno Fernandes and Bernardo Silva. However, Pepe believes that talent alone will not be enough to earn Portugal their first World Cup trophy.



"We have several ingredients, and if we don't put all the ingredients together, as our coach has said, (it doesn't work)."

"If we prepare a salad, you can't have tomato on one side and onion on the other side, you have to put them all together."

"We have a high-quality national team, but unless we work very hard, respect our opponents and do what our coach says, we won't benefit so much from this quality."

Bottom\_\_Line

## ‘El Diablo’ Suarez defiant over role in Ghana’s 2010 World Cup exit

Reuters  
Doha

Uruguay's Luis Suarez refused to apologise to Ghanaians yesterday for his role 12 years ago in their biggest World Cup setback, arguing it wasn't his handball that denied Ghana a quarter-final winner but their missed penalty that followed.

A win for Ghana against Uruguay in today's final Group H match could avenge their acrimonious defeat by the South Americans in 2010, when Suarez used his hand to block an extra-time winner for Ghana, who missed the resulting spot-kick and lost the penalty

shootout that followed.

A reporter asked Suarez if he would say sorry to a nation that considered him "El Diablo", or "the devil himself".

"I don't apologise about that... but the player is gonna miss a penalty," he said, responding in English.

"Maybe I can say (I) apologise if I injure the player and take a red card."

"But in this situation I take a red card and the ref said penalty. This is not my fault because I didn't miss."

"It's not my responsibility to shoot the penalty," he added.

Bitterness remains entrenched among fans in Ghana over the incident in Johannesburg, which denied Ghana the

accolade of becoming the first African country to reach the World Cup semi-finals.

A win in Al Wakra will see Ghana advance to the last 16, but they could still go through with a draw if Portugal, who have already qualified, beat South Korea.

The Ghana team seemed less interested in casting Suarez as a villain, however, and said today's match with Uruguay was not about revenge.

"What happened some years ago will be always history that is in our mind. But this is a totally different game," said Thomas Partey, a midfielder with English club Arsenal.

Exasperated by a succession of questions about Suarez,

coach Otto Addo said the public saw the game as a chance to settle scores, but for his side it was only about qualification.

Referring to the Suarez handball, he said the 2010 defeat was a very sad day for Ghana but teams needed players who can make sacrifices.

"It's all about perspective. If the same incident would have happened the other way around and Ghana would proceed to the semi-finals, everybody would say OK, it's normal that a player will do anything he can," he said.

"This is what I wish from every player, to do all he can to help his team qualify to serve and sometimes sacrificing himself with a red card!"



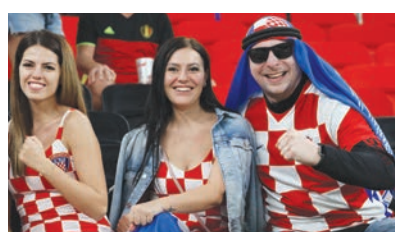
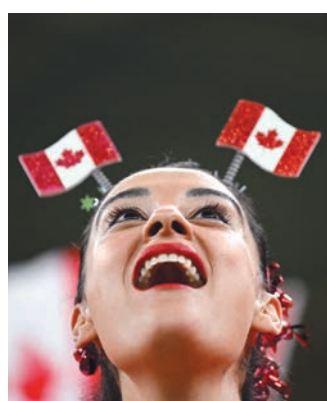
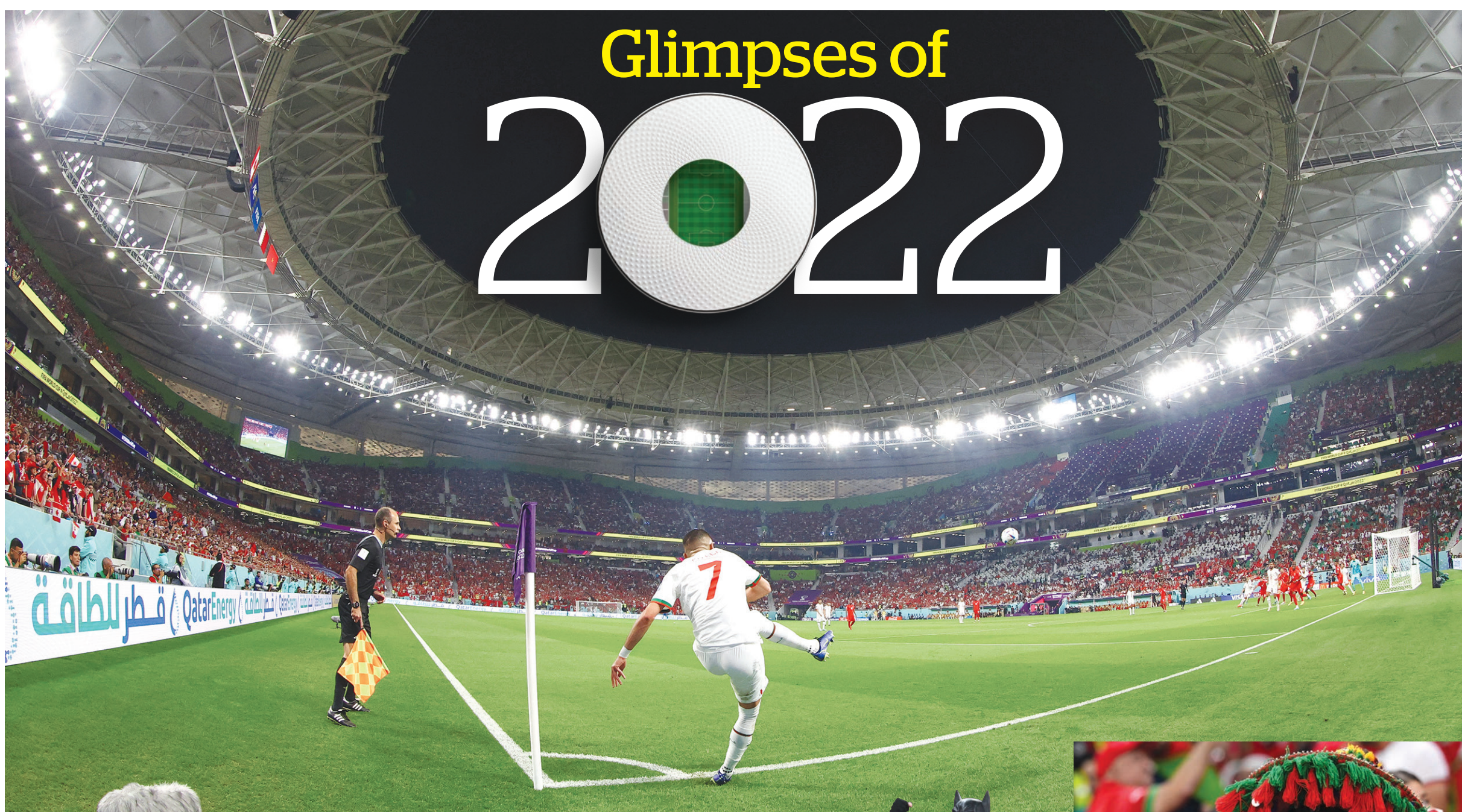
Uruguay's Luis Suarez and Darwin Nunez are seen during team training session in Doha yesterday. (Reuters)



England's Declan Rice during a training session at the Al Wakrah SC Stadium in Al Wakra, Qatar yesterday. (Reuters)



# Glimpses of 2022







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Focus

# Szczesny grabs chance to ‘show off’ skills to deny Messi

He has a reputation as one of toughest goalkeepers to beat and proved once again how crucial he is to Poland’s hopes

Reuters  
Doha

After saving a penalty against Saudi Arabia, Poland’s goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny said he wanted to “face the best” at the World Cup - and true to his word, he was in the limelight again when he denied none other than Argentina’s Lionel Messi from the spot.

The Juventus stopper has forged a reputation as one of Europe’s toughest goalkeepers to beat from 12 yards and proved once again how crucial he is to Poland’s hopes after they qualified for the last 16.

Poland may have ultimately lost 2-0 to qualify in second place in Group C, but not before Szczesny showed he was not one to be deterred on the big stage by a seven-times Ballon d’Or winner and a blue-white sea of Argentina fans behind him.

In doing so, Szczesny became the first goalkeeper to save two penalties at a World Cup tournament since American Brad Friedel in 2002 and only the third in all, along with compatriot Jan Tomaszewski who first achieved the feat in 1974.

The penalty awarded to Messi was questionable, with Szczesny’s outstretched hand brushing the Paris St Germain forward’s face after he had headed a cross wide, but the referee saw it as a foul after a VAR check.

“I immediately told the referee that I touched his face with my hand, but I only ran over the side of his face. I told him that the contact was there, but in my opinion there was no penalty,” Szczesny told TVP Sport.

“The referee decided otherwise and that’s good - I was able



Poland’s Wojciech Szczesny saves a penalty from Argentina’s Lionel Messi during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group C match at Stadium 974 in Doha on Wednesday. (Reuters)

to show off. “On some penalties Leo looks at the goalkeeper and on some he hits hard. I knew that if he was going to hit hard, it was more to my left. I saw that he didn’t stop, so I went (left), I sensed it and I saved. I’m happy.”

Since making his senior club debut in 2009, the 32-year-old has saved 26 penalties in his career - barring shootouts - for Brentford, Arsenal, AS Roma, Juventus and the Poland national team. Standing at 6’5”, his towering frame and long reach coupled with his ability to dive quickly to either side after shimmying on the line has made even the most experienced penalty takers second guess at the last moment.

Szczesny has also denied several players when they try to score on the rebound, leaping quickly into their path.

These double saves, like the one where he denied Saudi Arabia’s Salem al-Dawsari from the spot before parrying Mohamed al-Breik’s effort from the rebound, are popular fodder for the highlight reels.

Last season he saved three penalties in a row for Juve between October and March - twice against his former side Roma which effectively sealed the points as Juve won both games by one-goal margins.

Should Poland be able to keep France’s exceptional attack at bay in the last 16, there is no better player they can count on in penalty shootouts against the reigning champions. But for now, he will celebrate Poland’s progress to the knockout stages for the first time in 36 years.

“My whole family is sitting in Warsaw watching all together - my mother, my wife, my son,” he said, adding to the camera: “I love you, Liam. Dad is not coming home!”

Spotlight

## Australia’s Degenek on mission to stop Messi

AFP  
Doha

Australia will put their bodies on the line to stop Lionel Messi and spring a surprise against Argentina in the World Cup last 16, tough-tackling Milos Degenek warned yesterday.

The defender, who made his World Cup debut in Australia’s 1-0 group win over Denmark on Wednesday, said Messi is his hero but all sentiments will be thrown aside when they meet tomorrow.

“You know I have always loved Messi, I think he is the greatest to have played the game,” said the 28-year-old.

But he added: “It’s not an honour to play against him because he is just a human, as we all are. It is an honour to be in the round of 16 of the World Cup. That is the honour in itself.”

Australian goalkeeper Mathew Ryan has kept two clean sheets in a row in successive 1-0 victories to take the Socceroos into the knockouts for only the second time in their history.

They will be heavy underdogs against Argentina, but Degenek said: “We have to believe and we have to be confident in our abilities to stop every attack.

“Whether that is going to be possible or not, I am not sure, but I know we are going to give 110 percent to stop everything that goes towards Matty’s goal!”

Degenek knows that Argentina, who bounced back from a shock defeat to Saudi Arabia in their opener, will be desperate to give Messi a first World Cup title in what will surely be his last attempt. “For us, it is to stop that. Unfortunately I am a big fan of his but I would love to win the World Cup more than for him to win the World Cup,” said Degenek, who plays for Columbus Crew in the MLS.

Australia revealed that the mother-in-law of another defender, Bailey Wright, had died during the night but he will stay with the squad. The Sunderland player came on as a substitute against Denmark and devoted the win to her.

“It’s not something you can wish upon anyone,” said Degenek.

“He knows that we are his second family, we are going to be behind him.”

Degenek said it highlighted the stresses that footballers go through behind the scenes.

“It is a lot more emotions, a lot more things involved in football than just playing,” Degenek said.



Australia’s defender Milos Degenek fights for the ball with Denmark’s midfielder Jesper Lindstrom during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group D match at the Al Janoub Stadium in Al Wakra. (AFP)

**Alvarez says he got carried away, apologises to Messi after threat**

Mexican boxer Canelo Alvarez apologised for publicly threatening Lionel Messi after he took offence to a dressing-room video that appeared to show the Argentine striker nudging away a Mexican jersey on the floor with his foot.

Messi scored in Argentina’s 2-0 victory over Mexico at the World Cup on Saturday and Alvarez, who has 2.2mn followers on Twitter, said that the striker “should ask God that I don’t find him” having taken offence at the video.

On Wednesday, however, Alvarez tweeted that he got carried away and apologised to Messi and the people of Argentina.

“These last few days I got carried away by the passion and love I feel for my country and I made comments that were out of place,” Alvarez said. “So I want to apologise to Messi and the people of Argentina.”

Messi, 35, responded after Argentina’s 2-0 win over Poland on the final day of Group C, which gave the “Albiceleste” a place in the last 16 of the World Cup.

“I saw that he spoke now, but I think it was a misunderstanding, those who know me know that I don’t disrespect anyone (...) I don’t have to apologise because I didn’t disrespect the people of Mexico or the shirt or anyone,” said the Argentina captain.

Mexican captain Andres Guardado defended the striker saying the video showed nothing out of the ordinary.

Mexico face Saudi Arabia in their final Group C match later on Wednesday, needing a win to have any chance of reaching the last 16 in Qatar.

Bottom Line

## Injured US attacker Pulisic feels better, hopes to face Dutch

Reuters  
Doha

US attacker Christian Pulisic said yesterday he was recovering from an injury sustained scoring a crucial goal against Iran and aspired to be fit enough to face the Netherlands in tomorrow’s last-16 clash at the World Cup.

“I’m taking it day-by-day for now and I will do everything in my power to work with this medical team and make sure I can play,” Pulisic said at the US training camp, adding that his pelvic contusion was painful but improving.

“That bone is there for a reason to protect you. It was sore. But it’s getting better.”

The 24-year-old is the star of a young US squad and his absence on Saturday would be a huge blow to their chances. But Pulisic was full of praise for the players around him.

“I’m really happy with the



US’ forward Christian Pulisic gives a press conference in Doha yesterday. (AFP)

team spirit. To get out of the group is an unbelievable accomplishment,” he said. “It feels great to be where we’re at right now, but there’s still more to come.”

Pulisic described his confusion after being hurt as he bundled the ball in against Iran in the United States’ final group game, and then his tension as he followed the second half via a trainer’s telephone while receiving treatment.

“I realise the ball went in but

I was a bit confused. It didn’t really feel like a celebration,” he said.

“To score a goal and help the team in any way I can is what I’m here to do. I’m here to make big plays and do what I can to help the team... There’s still a lot ahead.”

Teammate Timothy Weah, who has also grabbed one goal in Qatar so far, said the United States were not underestimating the challenge against the higher-ranked Dutch despite the strong start.

“I think we all know that Netherlands is a big team, with a lot of quality players,” he said, adding that he hoped his side were raising the profile of the sport in the United States where basketball, baseball and American football dominate.

“I think everyone back home is realising that their team has talent. It’s up to us to take it as far as we can go and make a statement.”

Pulisic, too, was hopeful about the domestic impact.









Match Report

# Japan stun Spain but both reach knockouts

‘IT’S NOT LIKE WE HAVE REWRITTEN HISTORY, BUT WE’VE OVERCOME A BIG WALL’

AFP  
Doha

Spain staggered through to the World Cup last 16 yesterday despite a 2-1 defeat by Japan, who remarkably won Group E on a rollercoaster night when four-time champions Germany were eliminated.

Japan secured another incredible triumph after beating Germany in their opening game, with their progression from the “group of death” one of the greatest achievements in the country’s footballing history.

For a few heart-stopping minutes Spain were poised to head out when Costa Rica were leading in the other game, but the 2010 champions squeezed through after Germany did them a favour by coming back to beat Los Ticos. Spain and Germany ended on four points each, but La Roja progressed on goal difference in second place.

Alvaro Morata sent Spain ahead early on with a towering header, but Japan dramatically struck back at the start of the second half. Ritsu Doan and Ao Tanaka’s goals saw them mount a sensational comeback, just as they did against Germany. Tanaka’s goal was highly controversial after the officials relied on VAR to decide Kaoru Mitoma had kept the ball in play by a hair’s breadth to set him up.

Spain struggled to create chances against a staunch Japanese defence in the final stages, with the Asian side aware that conceding another goal would see them eliminated.

Japanese players collapsed at full-time in celebration, exhausted and elated, while the substitutes raced on to celebrate.

Spain face Morocco in the last 16, while Japan play Croatia.

“It’s not like we have rewritten history, but we’ve overcome a big wall,” said Doan, who netted against both Spain and Germany.

“I think it’s the result of fighting as a team.”

Both sides made five changes, with Luis Enrique bringing in Morata to lead the line, and handing Alejandro Balde and Nico Williams their full debuts.

Japan started with five at the back, hoping to keep Spain at bay, but pressed high in attack to try and capitalise on any mistakes.

Spain are sometimes guilty of glaring defensive errors and Pau Torres exemplified that with a sloppy touch which led to Japan’s first chance, fired into the side-netting by Junya Ito.

Morata sent La Roja ahead in the 12th minute with a towering header from Cesar Azpilicueta’s cross, rekindling the connection which occasionally worked at Chelsea after the striker’s arrival in 2017.

Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu replaced the

ineffective Takefuso Kubo and Yuto Nagatomo at the break with Mitoma and Doan, and it paid instant dividends.

Balde lost the ball under pressure and from the edge of the box winger Doan hammered past Unai Simon, who might have done more to keep it out.

Three minutes later and Japan had turned the game on its head, Tanaka bundling home from on the goalline after Mitoma had miraculously kept the ball in play as he crossed it – according to VAR.

Spain were shellshocked and struggled to react, with Luis Enrique making a raft of substitutions to try and regain control.



The coach, alone and perched on the edge of his technical area, was unaware that for a few moments his team faced elimination, when Costa Rica took the lead against Germany in the other game to go 2-1 ahead.

Spain survived, progressing thanks to their superior goal difference, on a night that was far more terrifying than they had anticipated – and Japan secured a hugely unlikely achievement.

“We are through, that’s the important thing,” Morata said.

“Another slip-up and we are going home.

“We have to continue with confidence in ourselves (but) it cannot happen again because we’ll be going home.”

Stats				
Match		2	1	
	JAPAN		SPAIN	
	6	Shots		12
	3	Shots on Target		5
	6	Chances Created		9
	0	Corners		2
	4	Saves		1
	17.7%	Possession		82.3%
	2	Offsides		2
	9	Fouls		6
3	Yellow Cards		0	
0	Red Cards		0	



Japan's midfielder Ao Tanaka (second from left) celebrates scoring a goal with his teammates during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group E match against Spain at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha yesterday. (AFP)



Spotlight

# Germany crash out despite 4-2 defeat of Costa Rica



Germany's Kai Havertz scores their third goal past Costa Rica's Keylor Navas during the Qatar 2022 Group E match at the Al Bayt Stadium yesterday. (Reuters)

AFP  
Al Khor

Germany crashed out of the World Cup at the group stage for the second time in succession despite a 4-2 win against Costa Rica yesterday.

The four-time World Cup winners came into the match needing a win but were also relying on the result of Japan’s game with Spain to progress.

But the Germans were eliminated due to goal difference as Japan followed up their defeat of Germany with another shock result by beating Spain 2-1.

Germany took an early lead but briefly fell behind in the second half as coach Hansi Flick made a flurry of changes, reacting to the live score of the Japan v Spain fixture. The Germans started positively, with Flick’s all-Bayern Munich front line turning the screws early, battering the Costa Rica defence before Serge Gnabry

Match



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GERMANY

COSTA RICA

32

Shots

7

11

Shots on Target

5

26

Chances Created

5

14

Corners

1

4

Saves

7

68%

Possession

32%

3

Offsides

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Fouls

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Yellow Cards

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Red Cards

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got his head to a curling cross from Leipzig defender David Raum after 10 minutes to open the scoring.

Midfielder Leon Goretzka almost doubled Germany’s lead just five minutes later but his header was directly at Keylor Navas.

Complacency began to creep into Germany’s game. Keysher Fuller, Costa Rica’s goal-scoring hero in a 1-0 win against Japan, forced Manuel Neuer into a fingertip save after some half-hearted defending from Raum and Antonio Ruediger.

Flick moved Kimmich back to his familiar defensive midfield position at half-time, bringing on Lukas Klostermann at the expense of Goretzka, who like Kimmich started the match on a yellow.

Just seven minutes into the second half, word crept around the vast Lusail Stadium that Japan had scored two quick goals to take the lead against Spain, a result which would force Germany out of the tournament. Flick reacted immediately, bringing on Niclas Fuellkrug and taking off another midfielder in Ilkay Gundogan.

Germany appeared disoriented as Costa Rica went on the counter on the

58-minute mark, the ball rebounding off Neuer and into the path of Yeltsin Tejeda, who slammed it home.

Flick continued to chase the game, making more changes but it was Costa Rica who scored next when Juan Pablo Vargas tapped a free kick past Neuer to put his side past Spain and into the Round of 16. The goal was later recorded as an own goal. Germany hit back minutes later through Chelsea forward Kai Havertz to draw level.

Havertz scored again in the 86th minute and Fuellkrug added another in the 89th minute to bring the score to 4-2, but the side’s focus remained nervously fixed on the group’s parallel fixture. The night ended with Germany losing out to second-placed Spain on goal difference.

It means Germany, who had not missed out on the knockout stages of a World Cup for 80 years until the 2018 tournament in Russia, have been bundled out in the group stage for the second World Cup in a row.

STANDINGS  
GROUP STAGE

Group A								Group B								Group C								Group D							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Netherlands (Q)	3	2	1	0	+4	7	1	England (Q)	3	2	1	0	+7	7	1	Argentina (Q)	3	2	0	1	+5	6	1	France (Q)	3	2	0	1	+3	6
2	Senegal (Q)	3	2	0	1	1	6	2	USA (Q)	3	1	2	0	+1	5	2	Poland (Q)	3	1	1	1	0	4	2	Australia (Q)	3	2	0	1	-1	6
3	Ecuador	3	1	1	1	1	4	3	Iran	3	1	0	2	-3	3	3	Mexico	3	1	1	1	-1	4	3	Tunisia	3	1	1	1	0	4
4	Qatar	3	0	0	3	-6	0	4	Wales	3	0	1	2	-5	1	4	Saudi Arabia	3	1	0	2	-2	3	4	Denmark	3	0	1	2	-2	1

Group E								Group F								Group G								Group H							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Japan (Q)	3	2	0	1	1	6	1	Morocco (Q)	3	2	1	0	3	7	1	Brazil	2	2	0	0	+3	6	1	Portugal	2	2	0	0	+3	6
2	Spain (Q)	3	1	1	1	1	6	2	Croatia (Q)	3	1	2	0	3	5	2	Switzerland	2	1	0	1	0	3	2	Ghana	2	1	0	1	0	3
3	Germany	3	1	1	1	1	4	3	Belgium	3	1	1	1	-1	4	3	Cameroon	2	0	1	1	-1	1	3	South Korea	2	0	1	1	-1	1
4	Costa Rica	3	1	0	2	-8	3	4	Canada	3	0	0	3	-5	0	4	Serbia	2	0	1	1	-2	1	4	Uruguay	2	0	1	1	-2	1

P - Played • W - Won • D - Draw • L - Loss • GD - Goal Difference • PTS - Points • Q - Qualified into last 16

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