

Brazil and Netherlands move on to quarterfinals

Late minute goal by Bebeto ends U.S. hopes for World Cup

(AP) — The United States ventured into the domain of the Brazilians at the World Cup on Monday, and for a while seemed to belong there.

Even though the Americans had a man advantage for most of the second half, they were dominated in the final 45 minutes and lost 1-0.

Bebeto scored in the 74th minute, ending the U.S. dreams of an upset. The goal also kept alive Brazil's quest

for an unprecedented fourth world soccer championship.

The classy Brazilians, who never looked at a loss despite losing defender Leonardo in the final minute of the first half, impressively moved into the quarterfinals against the Netherlands. This was one 1-0 game that wasn't nearly that close.

"This is a sad thing for us, a very emotional thing and a hard thing to get over," defender Marcelo Balboa said.

Leonardo was ejected for elbowing Tab Ramos in the face at the end of the first half, giving Ramos a concussion. The United States could do nothing with the manpower edge — outshot 16-4 for the game — to the chagrin of many in the crowd of 84,177 at Stanford Stadium.

The crowd was decidedly pro-American, but there were plenty of drum-beating, samba-dancing Brazilian fans.

Those fans must have been worried when Leonardo left, but Brazil was brilliant and its marvelous strikers, Romario and Bebeto, combined on the goal.

"It was a special feeling," Bebeto said. "I received a fabulous pass."

Romario made a tremendous run up the center of the field. Tom Dooley was chasing him, but couldn't catch up. Romario then went around Cobi Jones and to the side of Alexi Lalas and sent the ball

across to Bebeto, who beat goalkeeper Tony Meola to the far side of the net.

"We knew that we had to keep playing like we did the first half," Balboa said, "and it was just one of those things where we broke down in the middle of field once and they capitalized on it."

With Ramos sidelined and John Harkes suspended, the Americans could not get untracked offensively. When Fernando Clavijo received his second yellow card in the 87th minute, Brazil was safe.

"As soon as we were one man down, we had to leave the technical aside and play with our hearts," Romario said. "We are Brazil, we always must score at least one goal a game."

The Dutch made the quarterfinals for the first time since 1978, capitalizing on two Irish errors for a 2-0 victory. They will play Brazil on Saturday in

Dallas. The final two games of the second round are Tuesday: Nigeria vs. Italy at Foxboro, Mass., and Mexico vs. Bulgaria at East Rutherford, N.J.

Dennis Bergkamp, the Netherlands' top striker, and Wim Jonk connected against Ireland, which couldn't recover from its blunders before a Citrus Bowl crowd of 61,355. The Dutch opened the scoring in the 11th minute when defender Terry Phelan lost the ball to Marc Overmars and failed to catch up. Overmars found Bergkamp in front of the net for a simple tap-in.

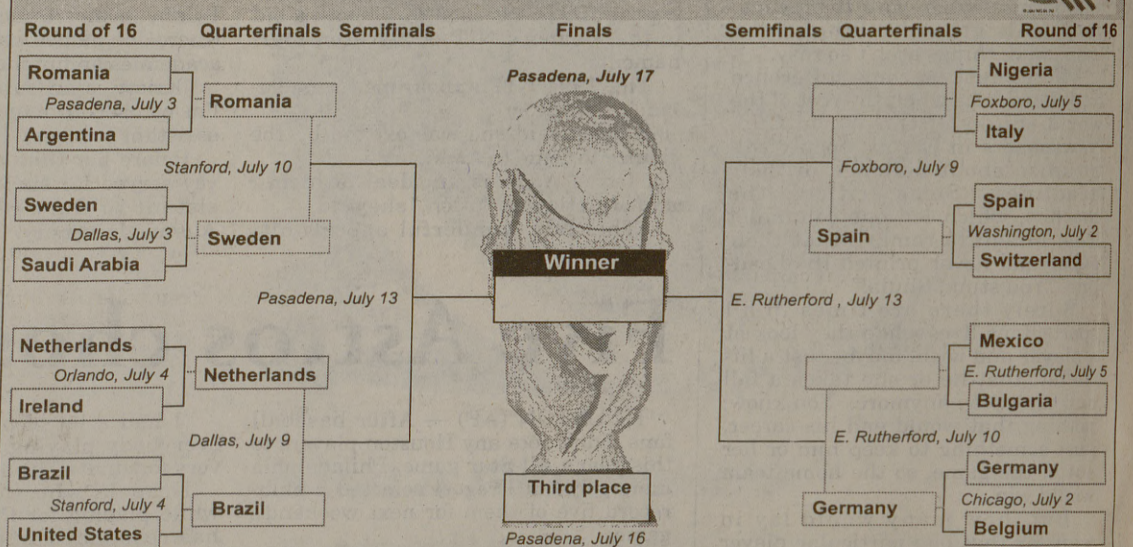
Jonk made an unchallenged run through midfield in the 41st minute and lined a 25-yard drive that goalie Packie Bonner inexplicably let slip through his hands and into the goal.

"I still don't know what happened," Bonner said. "It has got to be me that takes the blame."



Monday's Games
Brazil 1, U.S. 0
Netherlands 2, Ireland 0

World Cup road to the final



Source: World Cup USA 1994

Astros slam Cardinals, Rangers slip by Tigers

Houston 13, St. Louis 6

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tony Eusebio had a career-high four hits and four RBIs and Andruw Cedeño also drove in four runs.

Eusebio hit a three-run double to cap the Astros' four-run first inning against Allen Watson (5-4).

He tripled to lead off the fourth and scored, hit a run-scoring single in the fifth and singled in the sixth.

Texas 4, Detroit 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Will Clark drew a bases-loaded walk with one out in the ninth inning Monday night, giving the Texas Rangers a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Oddibe McDowell singled with one out in the ninth off Mike Gardiner (2-2) and went to third on Jeff Frye's double. McDowell injured a hamstring as he neared third base and was replaced by Esteban Beltré.

Jose Canseco was walked intentionally to load the bases before Clark walked on four pitches.

Darren Oliver (2-0) pitched two innings of one-hit ball to earn the victory. Texas has won four of five while Detroit completed its longest road trip of the year at 2-9.

Box score for Astros vs Cardinals

Box score for Rangers vs Tigers

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course, he won't be able to run for 200 yards and three touchdowns anymore, either.

By most accounts, Escobar is one of the few Colombian players who played well during the World Cup. Just one mistake. That was all it took to cause his demise.

It's not as if they don't have enough pressure on themselves already, but imagine the type of pressure soccer players must feel now.

"Oh please, I can't make any mistakes today. Our midfielder is in the hospital and the goalie's house was burned down. Who knows what they'll do to me if I don't perform up to my potential."

It could mean the rack or thumb-screws. Better yet, we could have a World Cup Inquisition. The priests of the soccer gods could be dressed all in multi-colored neon robes that look like various colors of paint were just splashed on.

If the Inquisition Tribunal thinks that a player is not playing the way he should they could bring him in and try and "remove" the demons that cause his poor play.

If he doesn't improve then he is a heretic that must be burned as an example to all the other unbelievers.

In today's violent world, people are murdered over their pocket change. Escobar's murder is no different. To take a human life for something so trivial goes against the camaraderie and good will that sports were inherently made to promote.

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