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The Republic of Ireland were back in action yesterday as they looked to get their tournament back on track following their opening game defeat to Croatia. However before the Irish could get under way, Croatia played their second match of the tournament against Italy. The Italians drew their opening match against world and European champions Spain. They took the lead through a fantastic free-kick from Andrea Pirlo but were pegged back by Mario Mandzukic in the second half. The result means they are now relying on results elsewhere to qualify for the knock-out stages.

Following the Italy vs Croatia result, Ireland knew a defeat against Spain would see them exit the competition. The Irish started badly as Fernando Torres found his form and smashed in the opening goal. It didn't get much better as the game went on and Spain scored another three goals. It's been a miserable campaign for the Irish who have looked out of their depth at this level.

Today sees England back in action against Sweden in what is really a must win game. The other match which is sure to be interesting is Ukraine vs France.

These results mean that the top five remain unchanged with Tim Barlow still leading the pack, although it's still very tight at the top. Meanwhile at the other end of the table, James Smith has fallen to the bottom with the Lockyer's slowly climbing the table.

The full results can be found here.