

Bulletin 11 – 6 December 2022

Japan 1 – 1 Croatia (1 – 1 AET, Croatia win on penalties)

Unlikely Group E winners took on the experienced Croatia side in the 3pm kick-off. Japan started brightly, deservedly leading at half time through a goal from Celtic's Daizen Maeda two minutes before the break. Croatia started the second half the livelier of the two sides, and levelled things up just ten minutes into the half via an Ivan Perisic's bullet header. Neither side could find another goal, taking us into the first extra-time of the tournament.

There were chances for both sides in the additional 30 minutes, but none converted meaning a penalty shootout would be needed to separate these two sides. Japan have never progressed beyond this stage of a World Cup before, and Croatia's goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic was determined to make that habit continue, saving three penalties sending Croatia through to the quarter-finals. Livakovic is only the third goalkeeper on record to save three penalties in a World Cup shootout.

Brazil 4 – 1 South Korea

Brazil took on South Korea in the evening fixture, and it proved to be an open and entertaining game. South Korea lined up with two strikers looking to take the game to Brazil, a move which left them vulnerable at the back to Brazil's forwards.

Sure enough, Brazil took the lead after just seven minutes through Vinícius Júnior, which quickly became two when Neymar converted a penalty six minutes later. Richarlison got in on the act just before the half-hour mark, when Lucas Paquetá added another to see Brazil cruising and four-up at the break.

To their credit, South Korea did make several chances forcing a number of good saves from Liverpool keeper Allison, and they got one back with 15 minutes left on the clock, but it proved to be nothing more than a consolation goal. Following the match, Korea's boss Paulo Bento announced that his time managing the Taeguk Warriors has come to an end, a decision he said had been made months ago.

Need more time?

The 3pm kick-off was the first game of the tournament to go into extra time, but this shouldn't have been a surprise to many. Of Croatia's last eight knockout games at World Cups and Euros, seven have gone to extra time with the exception of the Euro 2020 (or was it 2021?) final against France.

Results

Matthew Allen has extended his lead at the top correctly predicting both Brazil and Croatia to advance to the next round. Only 9 other players correctly predicted both teams to reach the quarter finals, including **Ian Metcalf** who has climbed 12 places up the table.

Toni Johnson is moved 12 places in the wrong direction after failing to predict either team to reach the quarter finals. Toni, along with **Jasper Ellis** and **Graham Edmonds**, were the only players to doubt Brazil's attacking prowess predicting they would fall out at the group stage.

James Allen



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Matthew Allen	296	-	+20
2	Oliver Nicholls	281	-	+10
3	Gary Symons	278	-	+10
4	James Gardner	275	-	+10
5	Andrew Pritchard	274	-	+10
6	Dan Jinks	268	-	+10
7	Mark Warnes	267	-	+10
8	Andrew Hall	265	-	+10
8	Tim Jones	265	-	+10
10	Craig Moran	264	-	+10
11	Steve Higginbottom	263	-	+10
12	Mara Aleixo	261	-	+10
13	Neil Kennedy	258	-	+10
14	Ashraf Mitha	257	-	+10
15	Talha Gulzar	256	-	+10
16	Bailey Coe	255	+10	+20
17	James Milligan	254	-1	+10
17	Larisa Wood	254	+11	+20
19	Luke Vickers	253	-2	+10
19	Mel Wilson	253	-2	+10
21	Emma Robinson	251	-2	+10
22	Daniel Sirl	250	-2	+10
23	Dan Chapman	248	-2	+10
23	Rob Walker	248	-2	+10
23	Usman Asif	248	-2	+10
26	John Stock	247	-2	+10
27	Ed Winstanley	246	-2	+10
28	Ross Bennett	245	-2	+10
29	Amrita Dasgupta	244	-1	+10
30	Stan Hutchinson	243	-	+10
31	John Small	241	-	+10
32	Olly Roper	240	-	+10
33	John McLeod	239	-	+10
33	Sharon Royston	239	-	+10
35	Stephen Kilgannon	238	-	+10
36	George Kennedy	237	-	+10
36	Josh Titley	237	+6	+20
38	Duncan Carter	233	-1	+10
38	Wendy Ludman	233	-1	+10
40	Eesha Savani	232	-1	+10
41	Jasper Ellis	229	-1	+10
41	Nick Saxton	229	-1	+10
43	Tim Poil	227	-1	+10
44	Darren Goodall	225	-	+10
44	James Saxton	225	-	+10
44	Paul Marriott	225	-	+10
47	Peter Norman	224	-	+10
47	Sean Delaney	224	+10	+20
49	Michael Johnson	223	-1	+10
50	Charlotte White	222	-1	+10





Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
51	Richard Stoddart	221	-1	+10
52	Chris Williams	220	-1	+10
53	Eddie Hopkin	218	-	+10
53	Ian Metcalf	218	+12	+20
55	Marcus Johansson	217	-1	+10
56	Mark Rowlinson	216	-1	+10
57	George Metcalf	215	-1	+10
58	Jonathan Hugh	214	+10	+20
58	Sam Ashworth	214	-1	+10
60	Chris Marson	213	-1	+10
61	Derek Allen	212	-1	+10
61	Katie Sutton	212	-1	+10
63	George Bilsby	210	-1	+10
63	Jamie McLeod	210	-1	+10
63	Stuart Briely	210	-1	+10
63	Toni Johnson	210	-12	-
67	Charlotte Adshead	208	-2	+10
68	George Hinkley	205	-1	+10
69	Tim Barlow	204	-1	+10
70	William Rose	202	-	+10
71	Henry Tapper	198	-	+10
71	Joe Bronstein	198	-	+10
73	Katie Morgan	197	-	+10
74	Michael Garland	196	-	+10
75	Max Mauchline	195	-	+10
76	Bex Thompson	194	+7	+20
76	James Allen	194	+1	+10
78	Phil Mann	191	-	+10
79	Chas Goddard	190	-	+10
80	Hilary Salt	189	-	+10
80	Mike Common	189	+5	+20
80	Richard Noutch	189	-	+10
83	Ivan Taylor	188	-1	+10
84	Graham Edmonds	185	-9	-
85	Zoe Sadler	181	-1	+10
86	Rob Young	179	-1	+10
87	Benjamin Robinson	177	-	+10
88	Lance Havell	172	-	+10
88	Owen Adams	172	-	+10
90	Dale Walmsley	167	-	+10
91	Claire Herbert	166	-	+10
92	Kieran Armstrong	165	-	+10
93	Andy Wyatt	137	-	+10
94	Michael O'Donnell	112	-	+10

