

Bulletin 9 - 2 December 2022

Japan 2 – 1 Spain

Did it cross the line...? VAR certainly thought not as Japan beat Spain 2-1 to advance to the last 16 as winners of Group E, ahead of Spain in second place. Japan have played well this tournament, with wins against both Spain and Germany combined with a narrow loss against Costa Rica. Spain looked to be crashing out at the group stages before a late rally from Germany saw the Luis Enrique's side qualify on goal difference.

Japan face Croatia on Monday afternoon, with Spain set to face Morocco 24 hours later.

Costa Rica 2 – 4 Germany

Germany have failed to reach the last 16 of a World Cup for the second time in a row, after a previous run of reaching the knock-out stages for 16 World Cups in a row. Germany's poor start to the tournament, losing to Japan and drawing to Spain, saw *Die Mannschaft* lose out on goal difference, with Costa Rica finishing bottom of the group.

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Canada 1 – 2 Morocco

Morocco's comfortable win over Canada sees the Atlas Lions through to the last 16 for the first time in 36 years (*I was also unaware of that nickname before today!*). Canada – a nation more renowned for Maple Syrup, Justin Bieber and Drake than footballing prowess – have lost every game this tournament, a feat shared by hosts Qatar this year but was last matched by El Salvador in 1982.

Croatia 0 – 0 Belgium

Belgium's poor display against Croatia saw Roberto Martinez's side finish third in their group, while Croatia advance the last 16 as runners up. Despite being ranked number one in the world back in February, Belgium's 'golden generation' have disappointed this tournament. Croatia will be pleased to make the knockout stages, but face a tough game against Japan next week.

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Actual vs Expected

Despite it being the another torrid tournament for the Germans, some stats point of them being one of the teams of the tournament so far. They have the highest expected goal (xG) figure of any side in the competition (+10) and an overall expected goal difference (+6.4) that should have surely seen them cruise (or Kroos perhaps) through to the last 16 had they been more clinical in front of goal.

Results

Matthew Allen has displaced **Andrew Pritchard** at the top of table after and good performance yesterday. Bailey Coe and Sean Delaney were standout players though, both picking up 25 points.

At the other end of the table, **Michael O'Donnell** now finds himself pretty isolated at the bottom of the pack, dropping two points yesterday as long time league table neighbour **Andy Wyatt** distanced himself from the booby prize collecting a respectable 20 points on Thursday.

Craig Moran

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Matthew Allen	188	+1	+19
2	Andrew Pritchard	183	-1	+9
3	Mark Warnes	176	-	+11
4	Oliver Nicholls	172	-	+10
5	Steve Higginbottom	171	+7	+21
6	Craig Moran	170	-1	+10
7	James Gardner	169	+3	+13
8	Mara Aleixo	164	+1	+7
9	Dan Chapman	160	-3	+1
10	Andrew Hall	159	-4	-
10	Emma Robinson	159	+1	+8
10	Neil Kennedy	159	+4	+11
13	Gary Symons	157	-5	-1
13	Mel Wilson	157	+16	+23
15	James Milligan	154	-	+10
15	Luke Vickers	154	+3	+12
17	Ashraf Mitha	153	-2	+9
18	Tim Jones	152	-1	+9
19	Bailey Coe	151	+21	+25
19	Dan Jinks	151	+1	+11
19	Ross Bennett	151	-1	+9
22	Rob Walker	149	-9	-
22	Talha Gulzar	149	+16	+22
24	John McLeod	147	+16	+21
25	Duncan Carter	146	+1	+11
26	Daniel Sirl	144	+3	+10
26	Larisa Wood	144	-	+9
28	Nick Saxton	141	+4	+10
28	Stan Hutchinson	141	-8	+1
30	Usman Asif	139	+4	+9
31	Richard Stoddart	138	-9	-
31	Sharon Royston	138	-9	-
33	George Kennedy	136	-9	-
33	Jasper Ellis	136	+1	+6
35	Eddie Hopkin	135	-11	-1
35	John Small	135	+3	+8
37	John Stock	134	-11	-1
38	Charlotte White	133	+5	+8
39	Wendy Ludman	132	+8	+11

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
40	Stephen Kilgannon	131	-6	+1
41	Ed Winstanley	130	+10	+12
41	Eesha Savani	130	+4	+7
43	Paul Marriott	129	-11	-2
44	Amrita Dasgupta	128	-7	-1
44	Tim Poil	128	-13	-4
46	George Hinkley	127	-6	+1
46	George Metcalf	127	-2	+3
46	Josh Titley	127	+4	+8
46	Marcus Johansson	127	+16	+20
50	Darren Goodall	125	+12	+18
50	Michael Johnson	125	+3	+8
52	Olly Roper	124	+1	+7
52	Toni Johnson	124	+3	+9
54	Ian Metcalf	122	-8	-
54	James Saxton	122	+14	+21
54	Jamie McLeod	122	+4	+12
57	Mark Rowlinson	120	+1	+10
57	Stuart Briely	120	-8	-
59	Henry Tapper	119	+2	+11
60	Tim Barlow	117	+5	+12
61	Derek Allen	116	+1	+9
62	Katie Sutton	115	-6	+1
63	Charlotte Adshead	113	-12	-5
63	Peter Norman	113	-16	-8
63	Sean Delaney	113	+23	+25
63	William Rose	113	+7	+13
67	George Bilsby	112	-10	-1
68	Jonathan Hugh	108	-8	-1
69	Chris Marson	106	+5	+9
69	Hilary Salt	106	+5	+9
71	Chris Williams	104	-5	-
72	Joe Bronstein	103	-5	+1
72	Zoe Sadler	103	+8	+9
74	Lance Havell	101	+7	+9
75	Graham Edmonds	99	-7	-2
75	Max Mauchline	99	-4	-
77	Katie Morgan	98	-4	-
77	Sam Ashworth	98	+8	+9
79	Benjamin Robinson	97	+9	+12
79	Ivan Taylor	97	-8	-2
79	James Allen	97	+8	+10
79	Michael Garland	97	-3	+1
83	Chas Goddard	96	-7	-
84	Kieran Armstrong	95	+5	+11
85	Richard Noutch	94	-7	-1
86	Owen Adams	93	-8	-2
87	Bex Thompson	91	-6	-1
88	Rob Young	90	-7	-2
89	Phil Mann	87	-5	-3



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
90	Claire Herbert	81	-	-2
91	Mike Common	77	-	-
92	Dale Walmsley	76	-1	-1
93	Andy Wyatt	67	-	+20
94	Michael O'Donnell	20	-	-2