

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018 RECAP



South Korea's players celebrate a goal during the group F match between South Korea and Germany.

Defending champion Germany eliminated

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KAZAN, Russia — Everyone was waiting for Germany to score another late World Cup-saving goal. It never came.

Instead, the Germans have become the fourth defending champions in the last five tournaments to be eliminated in the group stage following a 2-0 loss to South Korea on Wednesday.

The four-time champions allowed a pair of injury-time goals while knowing a 1-0 victory would have been enough to advance because of the result in the other group match.

Germany ended up last in Group F while Sweden and Mexico advanced to the round of 16. South Korea was also eliminated despite the victory.

It was the first time Germany has been knocked out in the first round since 1938.

Kim Young-gwon

scored the first goal in the third minute of injury time, a goal that sent the Koreans cheering in Kazan and the Mexicans delirious in Yekaterinburg. Originally called out for offside, the goal was given after video review.

Son Heung-min made it 2-0 in the sixth minute of stoppage time after Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer came up the field to help his teammates outside the South Korea box. Son tapped the ball into an empty net after a long pass from Ju Se-jong.

Besides Germany this year, France in 2002, Italy in 2010 and Spain in 2014 were the previous defending champions to get eliminated in the group stage.

All four teams in the group had a chance to advance in games that were being played simultaneously, but Sweden's 3-0 lead over Mexico put Germany in prime position to move on as well, if the Germans could score against the South Koreans.

Coach Hughes, Seattle Storm bracing for big week ahead

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NEW YORK — Everything seems to be going right for new coach Dan Hughes and the Seattle Storm.

Seattle is off to its best start since 2010 when the Storm were also 10-4. The Storm have benefited from a favorable schedule with nine of their first 15 games at home — the most of any team in the league.

They have gotten solid play from Breanna Stewart, Jewell Loyd and Natasha Howard allowing Hughes to give veteran guard Sue Bird games off to rest.

"We haven't had a winning season since 2011," Hughes said in a phone interview Tuesday before his team faced Minnesota. "I feel like there's more progress to make. We're an improved defensive team ... our numbers have gone from 11 or 12 to mid-pack. I



Dan Hughes reacts as his team scores against the Connecticut Sun late in the second half of a WNBA basketball game, in Seattle. Everything seems to be going right for coach Dan Hughes and the Seattle Storm so far. The team has the second best record in the league at 10-4 in the veteran coach's first season in Seattle.

feel like as a team we have a higher ceiling."

About the only thing that went wrong in Seattle's last game, a rout of Dallas, was that Hughes was knocked down in a sideline collision with Wings forward Kayla Thornton. The 63-year-old

coach went back to the locker room to be evaluated for a few minutes before returning.

It's the second time he's been involved in a sideline collision in the past few years. In 2015, while coaching San Antonio, he was accidentally knocked over the sideline

chairs by a hustling Danielle Robinson. He was carted off on a stretcher that game.

"I never saw this one" coming, Hughes said. "Danielle Robinson, I tried to brace her from going into the chairs. ... Some people can coach their whole career and never have a collision on the sidelines, mine has been a little different."

Hughes, who is in his first season in Seattle, was quick to note that Thornton came over to make sure he was okay and Dallas coach Fred Williams came over at the half to also check on him.

After facing Minnesota on Tuesday, Seattle will play Los Angeles and Connecticut.

"This whole stretch, playing Dallas, Minnesota on the road, L.A. coming home to Connecticut, those are all good teams," Hughes said. "It measures what we're doing well and what we're not every game."

MARINERS: Seager homered for second straight day

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far beyond the right-field wall.

Davis entered the game with a .147 batting average, and on Friday returned from an eight-game hiatus in which he worked to get his swing back. This was his second home run since coming back, and it produced a rare feel-good moment for a struggling team and its belated slugger.

Then, in the Seattle ninth, Mitch Haniger singled off Zach Britton and Seager delivered his 15th home run and second in two nights.

Much earlier, Seattle made up deficits of 2-0 and 4-2 to take a 5-4 lead in the fifth inning against Alex



Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager, center, and Mitch Haniger, back left, are greeted by Denard Span after Seager drove in Haniger with a home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles.

Cobb. Baltimore has lost four in a row overall and 14 of 15 at home.

Cruz has been bothered by a sore lower back, but the Mariners have won a pair of one-run games without him.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Servais says Cruz "is moving in the right direction" and could return Thursday.

Orioles: RHP Darren O'Day (hamstring) and OF Craig Gentry (rib fracture) were placed on the 10-day disabled list.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Mike Leake (8-4, 4.11 ERA) gets his 17th start in the series finale Thursday afternoon. In his last outing, he threw eight shutout innings to beat Boston.

Orioles: Recalled from Triple-A Norfolk on Wednesday, Jimmy Yacabonis is expected to make his first major league start Thursday in place of injured Dylan Bundy.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	27	.667	—
New York	52	26	.667	½
Tampa Bay	39	40	.494	14
Toronto	37	43	.463	16½
Baltimore	23	56	.291	30

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	44	35	.557	—
Minnesota	34	42	.447	8
Detroit	36	45	.444	9
Chicago	28	51	.354	16
Kansas City	25	55	.313	19

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	54	28	.659	—
Seattle	50	31	.617	3½
Oakland	43	38	.531	10½
Los Angeles	41	40	.506	12½
Texas	36	46	.439	18

Wednesday's Games

Houston 7, Toronto 6
Kansas City 5, Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 8, Baltimore 7 (11 innings)
Boston 9, L.A. Angels 6
Oakland 3, Detroit 0
Texas 5, San Diego 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 1
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 1

Thursday's Games

Oakland (Manaea 7-6) at Detroit (Fulmer 3-8), 10:10 a.m.
Minnesota (Odriziz 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-7), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Leake 8-4) at Baltimore (TBD), 12:05 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Stank 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 5-3) at Boston (Johnson 1-2), 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	34	.570	—
Philadelphia	42	36	.538	2½
Washington	41	37	.526	3½
New York	32	46	.410	12½
Miami	32	49	.395	14

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	46	33	.582	—
Chicago	43	35	.552	2½
St. Louis	42	37	.532	4
Pittsburgh	38	42	.475	8½
Cincinnati	34	46	.425	12½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	46	34	.575	—
Los Angeles	43	36	.544	2½
San Francisco	42	39	.518	4½
Colorado	38	42	.475	8
San Diego	36	47	.434	11½

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 5
Kansas City 5, Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Arizona 2, Miami 1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Texas 5, San Diego 2
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Chicago Cubs 5
San Francisco 1, Colorado 0

Thursday's Games

Arizona (Greinke 7-5) at Miami (Richards 2-4), 9:10 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-4), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 7-7) at San Francisco (Stratton 8-5), 12:45 p.m.
Washington (Roark 3-8) at Philadelphia (Nola 9-2), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Guerra 3-5) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 3-1), 4:10 p.m.

Northwest League

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Everett (Mariners)	7	6	.538	—
Tri-City (Padres)	7	6	.538	—
Spokane (Rangers)	6	7	.462	1
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	4	9	.307	3

South Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	9	4	.692	—
Boise (Rockies)	7	6	.538	2
Hillsboro (D-backs)	7	6	.538	2
Eugene (Cubs)	5	8	.385	4

Wednesday's Games

Hillsboro 7, Boise 2
Spokane 5, Everett 2
Salem-Keizer 9, Eugene 4
Tri-City 9, Vancouver 2

Thursday's Games

Tri-City at Vancouver, 4:05 p.m.
Hillsboro at Boise, 9:15 p.m.
Everett at Spokane, 9:30 p.m.
Eugene at Salem-Keizer, 9:35 p.m.

NCAA

College World Series

Championship Series (Best-of-3)

Arkansas 1, Oregon State 1

Monday: Arkansas (47-19) vs. Oregon State (53-11), p.p.d., rain

Tuesday: Arkansas 4, Oregon State 1

Wednesday: Oregon State 5, Arkansas 3

Thursday: Arkansas vs. Oregon State, 4 p.m. (TV: ESPN)

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Uruguay	3	0	0	5	0
x-Russia	2	1	0	8	4
Saudi Arabia	1	0	2	7	3
Egypt	0	0	3	2	0

x-advanced to second round

GROUP B

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Spain	1	2	0	6	5
x-Portugal	1	2	0	5	4
Iran	1	1	1	2	2
Morocco	0	1	2	2	4

x-advanced to second round

GROUP C

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-France	2	1	0	3	1
x-Denmark	1	2	0	2	1
Peru	1	0	2	2	3
Australia	0	1	2	2	5

x-advanced to second round

GROUP D

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Croatia	3	0	0	7	1
x-Argentina	1	1	1	3	5
Nigeria	1	0	2	3	4
Iceland	0	1	2	2	5

x-advanced to second round

GROUP E

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	1	0	5	1
x-Switzerland	1	2	0	5	4
Serbia	1	0	2	2	4
Costa Rica	0	1	2	2	5

X-advanced to second round

GROUP F

W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Sweden	2	0	1	5	2
x-Mexico	2	0	1	3	4
South Korea	1	0	2	3	3
Germany	1	0	2	2	4

X-advanced to second round

Wednesday, June 27

At Moscow
Brazil 2, Serbia 0
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
Switzerland 2, Costa Rica 2

Thursday, June 28

At Saransk, Russia
Panama vs. Tunisia, 11 a.m.
At Kaliningrad, Russia
England vs. Belgium, 11 a.m.

Friday, June 29

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Saturday, June 30

At Volgograd, Russia
Japan vs. Poland, 7 a.m.
At Samara, Russia
Senegal vs. Colombia, 7 a.m.

Monday, July 1

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Tuesday, July 2

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Wednesday, July 3

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Thursday, July 4

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Friday, July 5

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Saturday, July 6

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Sunday, July 7

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Monday, July 8

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Tuesday, July 9

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Wednesday, July 10

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Thursday, July 11

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Friday, July 12

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Saturday, July 13

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Sunday, July 14

At Kazan, Russia
South Korea 2, Germany 0
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Sweden 3, Mexico 0

Friday's Games

FC Dallas at Minnesota United, 5 p.m.