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MARTIN KEOWN: How Arsenal can



Arsenal takeo

Brazil 1-7 Germany: Hosts stunned as Thomas Muller and Co score four goals in SIX minutes to reach World Cup final

- Germany shock host nation Brazil with 7-1 v Home Top World Cup final
- Joachim Low's side scored four goals in six first-half minutes
- Miroslav Klose struck to become World Cup's all-time leading scorer
- Germans will meet Argentina or Holland in the final

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There must have been a moment when even those watching in their white Mannschaft shirts inside Estadio Mineirao wished it would end. Germans are only human, after all.

Admittedly, the 11 on the pitch seemed to be transcending that state at times, but those looking on, the mortals - they must have felt it like the rest of us.

It was simply too much. Too brutal. Too excruciating. Too painful to watch.

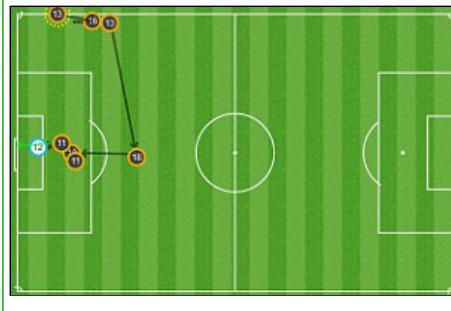
The home crowd did not go entirely quiet, but they stopped singing. There was a rumble, of chatter, of conversation, people trying to make sense of what they were seeing.

Six minutes of football that would live in the memory as long as the famous Maracanazo. From Brazil 0 Germany 1, to Brazil 0 Germany 5. In six minutes. Six minutes. It needed repeating, digesting.

VIDEO: Scroll down for Brazil aren't what they used to be - Schweinsteiger

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Austria Vienna's Super Leo got a little too 'merry' before his side's game



Suarez makes young cancer sufferer cry with emotional message

Luis Suarez showed his softer side in a heart-warming video with a young cancer patient



Chiellini suffers cut head during Champions League semi-final win over Real Madrid

Giorgio Chiellini will have woken up with a sore head on Wednesday



Sturridge ruled out for the rest of season after undergoing hip surgery in America

Daniel Sturridge has undergone surgery to correct a hip problem



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Opener: Thomas Muller scores Germany's first to set Joachim Low's men on their way to a 7-1 victory



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The first of many: Luiz can be excused for the first goal but his defending was woeful throughout



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Easy: Germany had more passes with a better completion and scored seven to Brazil's single consolation

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Hull	15:00	Burnley
Leicester	15:00	Southampton
Newcastle	15:00	West Brom
Stoke	15:00	Tottenham
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REVEALED: Jones is the best central defender under age of 23 in EUROPE (and Premier League teams should watch out for Felipe Anderson)





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Record breaker: Miroslav Klose celebrates after becoming the top scorer in World Cup history with 16



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Oops: Brazil had more shots than their opponents but Germany were ruthless in front of goal



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Lethal: Brazil midfielder Fernandinho watches on, as their defenders did all night, while Klose slots home

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He's endured a difficult season but Mario Balotelli was all smiles in the gym at Melwood



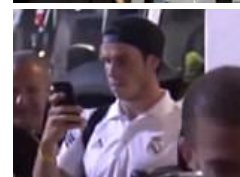
Chelsea skipper Terry leads the title party with his wife Toni at West London club with Drogba and Cahill

Chelsea's celebrations are well underway



Bale turns photographer after fans SNUB him in favour of snap with team-mate Rodriguez

Real Madrid supporters asked him to take a pic



Not a scratch! Mayweather pictured for first time since beating rival Pacquiao

He had been uncharacteristically quiet since fight night



Lampard and Bleakley view De Niro's stunning £26m New York home ahead of MLS move

Frank Lampard was spotted looking round actor's former home



Happy St Tottenham's Day! Wright and Podolski lead Arsenal taunts as they guarantee finishing above Spurs (again)

It's now an annual event



Hamilton feels blue on the red carpet alongside stunning stars at Met Gala in New York

F1 world champion joined likes of Kim Kardashian on show



Legend Wright praises Hull over David Rocastle tribute sign at the KC

Arsenal's support arrived at Hull to see a sign paying tribute to David Rocastle



Hands up who's willing



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Partners: Brazil, whose team bus has the slogan 'Brace yourselves! The sixth is coming!', were humiliated

VIDEO [Distraught Brazilians watch on from Rio](#)

There has, quite literally, never been a World Cup semi-final like this, the greatest winning scoreline in tournament history. That it was a victory inflicted on the mighty Brazil on home soil makes it truly astonishing.

It is hard to imagine any match so humbling, so ruinous, so opposite to what was expected. Brazil as a nation was ready for a battle, they knew it would be hard without Neymar and captain Thiago Silva. It would require all of their resolve to win. Yet they were pumped to bursting with hope, national pride and passionate, searing, bleeding emotion. The Maracana was in sight. The seventh step. Might the will of the people pull them through?

And then there it was, the terrible reality. All that desire, all that desperation and yearning.

Useless, the lot of it. If it was just about wanting to win a World Cup, schmucks could do it. Sadly, for Brazil, the schmucks departed this contest long ago. What remains is the best of the best. A German team that is young no

MATCH FACTS

Brazil (4-2-3-1): Cesar 3, Maicon 3, Dante 2.5, Luiz 2.5, Marcelo 2, Gustavo 3, Fernandinho 2.5 (Paulinho 46min, 3), Hulk 2 (Ramires, 46, 3), Oscar 2.5, Bernard 2, Fred 2 (Willian 69, 3).

Subs not used: Jefferson, Dani Alves, Maxwell, Henrique, Hernanes, Jo, Victor.

Scorer: Oscar 90.

Booked: Dante.

Manager: Luiz Felipe Scolari 3.

Germany (4-3-2-1): Neuer 7, Lahm 7, Hummels 6.5 (Mertesacker 46, 6), Howedes 6.5, Boateng 7, Schweinsteiger 8, Khedira 9 (Draxler 76), Kroos 8.5, Muller 8, Ozil 6.5, Klose 7 (Schurrle 58, 8)

Subs not used: Zieler, Grosskreutz, Ginter, Podolski, Durm, Gotze, Kramer, Weidenfeller.

Scorers: Muller 11, Klose 23, Kroos 24, 26,

to play on with a broken nose and upper jaw...

Bayern Munich star Robert Lewandowski has been fitted with a carbon mask



Rooney enjoys family day at the seaside with Coleen and the kids

Wayne Rooney's wife Coleen has revealed the striker is a sofie behind closed doors

Robson revs up for WTA tour return with speedboat ride

Laura Robson has been pictured out of her rehabilitation with a friend... and a dog



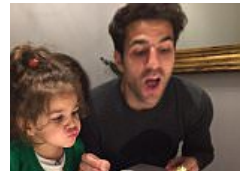
Hull's Meyler plays on despite nasty gash near his eye in Arsenal loss

David Meyler showed that you need to put your head in where it hurts in a relegation fight



Chelsea midfielder Fabregas enjoys 28th birthday with family after sealing title win

Cesc Fabregas had another reason to celebrate this week



Seaside celebration for Bournemouth as fans turn out in thousands to salute club's Premier League promotion

Bournemouth were out in force on Monday



Drinking with Hatton, meeting Hamilton and spotting Jay Z... 'money can't buy' territory

One fan from England, Ade Adebayo, was one of 16,000 at MGM Grand



Is this dive by Ronaldinho the worst of all time?

Former Barcelona star Ronaldinho was booked after throwing himself to the ground in Mexico



Lampard poses with goalscorer Aguero after win against Tottenham

Manchester City's Frank Lampard congratulated his friends at Chelsea on their title triumph



Brazilian state championship final erupts into violence at World Cup venue

The climax to Brazil's state championships was marred by trouble



Akinfenwa and pals show off their moves in Instagram video

AFC Wimbledon striker Adebayo Akinfenwa swapped the football pitch for the dance floor



longer, that is peaking, that may be the strongest group here. And they took Brazil apart. No, scratch that. Terms of triumph for bland Saturday afternoons have no place here. This was different. This was uncharted territory. An evisceration. An attenuation. Brazil had its insides torn out, was weakened, losing life and momentum with each heavy blow. The goals went in, and would not stop. And the crowd sat, helpless, like Alex in A Clockwork Orange, eyes pinned open, unable to turn away. It was unspeakably savage, beyond the realm of familiar audience experience.

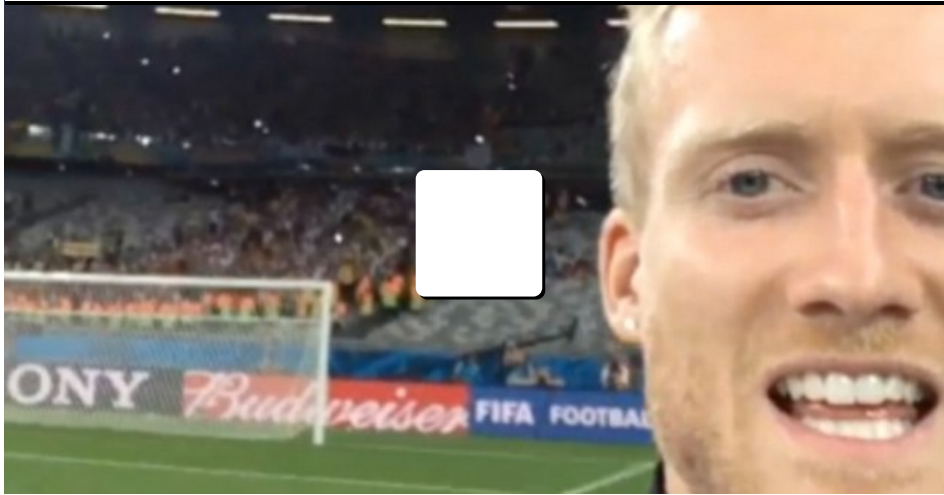
Khedira 29, Schurrle 69, 79.

Manager: Joachim Low, 9.

Man of the match: Sami Khedira.

Referee: Marco Rodriguez (Mexico) 6.5.

Andre Schurrle pays pitchside tribute to Germany fans



He shoots, he scores: Germany midfielder Toni Kroos nets his side's third past after more poor defending

Woods and Vonn split after three-year relationship

Alpine ski racer Lindsey Vonn made the announcement on her official Facebook page



Chelsea begin title celebrations after win against Crystal Palace

The Blues claimed their fourth Premier League crown with victory at Stamford Bridge



Make that 48-0! Mayweather masterclass as he slays arch rival Pacquiao

Floyd Mayweather beat Manny Pacquiao by unanimous decision



Beyonce and Jay Z head trail of stars at Las Vegas mega-fight

Las Vegas was the place to be, with famous faces making their way to the MGM Grand for the bout



Beckham shares selfie with Victoria as his 40th birthday bash comes to a close

David Beckham took to Instagram to thank his wife Victoria



Suarez, Messi and Neymar all on target as Barca run riot

Barcelona beat Cordoba 8-0 to stay clear at the top with just three games left to play



Ronaldo's hat-trick keeps rivals Real hot on Barca's heels

Cristiano Ronaldo scored the 25th hat-trick of his Madrid career in their 3-2 win over Sevilla



Life begins for Becks by joining Instagram

As he celebrate his 40th birthday, David Beckham joined Instagram... and some famous faces showed their support



Rotherham boss Evans keeps his promise to celebrate

Steve Evans arrived in a shorts, T-shirt, flip-flops and a sombrero after securing safety



Tevez and Co start the party as Juve seal fourth straight title

Juventus wrapped up their fourth straight Serie A title after a routine 1-0 win over Sampdoria



The nerves will help me run faster, admits Ennis-Hill

MARTHA KELNER: Jessica Ennis-Hill lines up for her first race in almost two years



Ajayi picked by Miami Dolphins in fifth round

Jay Ajayi was the 149th pick of the NFL Draft and the London-born running



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Goals galore: Toni Kroos (right) celebrates after scoring Germany's third



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Kroos-ing to victory: Dante and Julio Cesar can do little more than look at each other after the fourth goal



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Easy does it: Sami Khedira slots the ball home to give Germany into a 5-0 lead on 29 minutes

back could be set to play at Wembley this year



Jimenez and Bradley in heated exchange

The normally relaxed Miguel Angel Jimenez became embroiled in a remarkable row with Keegan Bradley



Rooney goes back to school... United striker watches son Kai collect achievement certificate

England captain Wayne Rooney found himself back in an assembly



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Is this Sturridge's new celebration? Striker hints at 'Feed the Ducks' jig in dance-off

Daniel Sturridge's dance moves were no match for a young Liverpool fan



Wilshere shows his smart side at the BT Sport Industry Awards

AP McCoy, Jack Wilshere, Nathaniel Clyne and Ryan Bertrand walked the red carpet



Chelsea star Drogba presented with the Barclays Spirit of the Game award

Following his charity work, Didier Drogba has been rewarded



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Takeaways from the first round of the NFL Draft



Messi and wife expecting second baby

Lionel Messi has confirmed he is to be a father again after posting a picture of his pregnant wife on social media



Arsenal stars take Kylie Jenner's rapper boyfriend Tyga on Emirates tour

Arsenal duo Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Kieran Gibbs entertained Tyga



Barca star Rakitic hits the beach with beautiful wife Raquel Mauri

Ivan Rakitic took time out



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Opposites: Germany celebrate but David Luiz is unable to lift his teammates as the scoreline worsens



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No way back: Oscar and Fred stand in the centre circle - something they did all too frequently on Tuesday night

of Barcelona's title charge to spend the day on the beach



Walcott just can't get away from the bench as Arsenal winger takes part in fashion photoshoot

Theo Walcott took part in photoshoot

Mayweather vs Pacquiao fight fan on how he bought ticket

One fan, Ade Adebayo from Brighton, was lucky enough to get hold of a ticket. Here's his story



Januzaj sinks the reds as he shows off potting skills with Murphy

Adnan Januzaj swapped the lush turf of Old Trafford for the green baize at Sheffield



Big three battle for 11-year-old Luton ace

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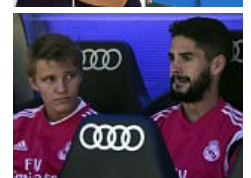
Daley takes gold in London as intruder takes a dive of his own

A man managed to jump off the diving board at the London Aquatics Centre after evading security



Odegaard named on bench for Real Madrid clash against Almeria

But 16-year-old is forced to wait for his first-team bow as Real romp to 3-0 victory on Wednesday



Hamilton gears up for Spanish Grand Prix by taking younger brother Nicolas out for a ride

Lewis Hamilton took a break from his blistering start to the F1 season



Boring, boring Chelsea? Give over!

Didier Drogba shows he and his Chelsea teammates still have the skill to prove they aren't so boring after all



The kids are alright! Everton senior players join in with the club's future generation of talent at Academy Day

The feel-good factor at Everton continued



Messi, Neymar and Suarez pass century of goals between them

They are Bara's golden boys and the trio have reached yet another milestone for the club



Messi, Neymar and Suarez celebrate with dressing room snap



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Hit for six: Germany's Chelsea forward Andre Schurrle punches the air after making it 6-0 to the visitors



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Only way is up: Germany progressed to the World Cup final and were applauded by Brazil's fans

Neymar published a photograph of himself with his fellow Barcelona attackers after their win



Stage is set as the ring at the MGM Grand is put up ahead of richest fight in history!

Floyd Mayweather vs Manny Pacquiao is getting closer and closer

WATCH the moment Chicago Cubs rookie's bat flies into crowd leaving fan in hospital Addison Russell, 21, will remember his first game at Wrigley Field



United star Fellaini shares a toast with his identical brother

Marouane Fellaini shared a glass of bubbly despite Sunday's heavy defeat against Everton



Fit-again Van Persie scores a double and Januzaj returns in United U21 win

Robin van Persie scored twice in Manchester United U21's 4-1 win



Fergie goes snooker loopy as ex-United boss reveals why he thinks Ronaldo is the best

Sir Alex Ferguson was speaking to John Parrott over a frame of snooker



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Team	P	GD	Pts
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2 Manchester City	35	35	70
3 Arsenal	34	33	70
4 Manchester United	35	24	65
5 Liverpool	35	11	61
6 Tottenham Hotspur	35	5	58
7 Southampton	35	20	57
8 Swansea City	35	-1	53
9 West Ham United	35	1	47
10 Stoke City	35	-5	47
11 Everton	35	0	44
12 Crystal Palace	35	-6	42
13 West Bromwich Albion	35	-13	40
14 Aston Villa	35	-21	35



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Too little, too late: Oscar scored a consolation for the host nation in the dying minutes but it was pointless

For neutrals, it was the strangest emotion, feeling overwhelming admiration for what an athlete has done, yet the same fierce desire to want it to stop.

Those who follow boxing may recognise the dilemma. They have been such winning hosts that, at the end, Brazil were like a popular, game but mismatched, fighter, sent in against an opponent far beyond his class. Everyone just hoped they would come through all right.

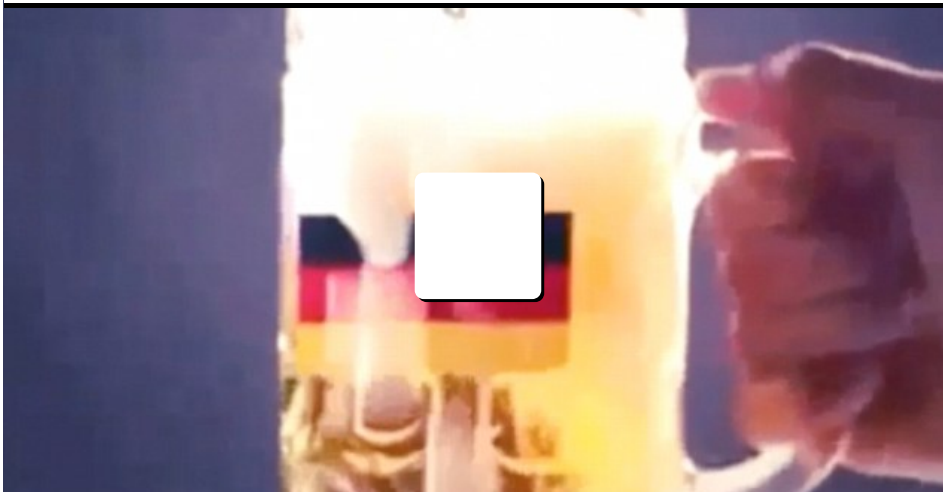
The physical damage having occurred when Neymar was carried off against Colombia, the lasting effect here will be emotional. Where do Brazil go now? To a third place play-off in Brasilia, logistically, but in one night the feelgood factor of this tournament was all but snatched away from the hosts. Humiliated on the world stage at a home World Cup – again. If defeat at the Maracana by Uruguay in 1950 scarred the psyche, what of this?

Yet one almost felt a little sympathy for Germany, too. They were brilliant, masterful, and there was always a chance they would spoil the party – but not like this. They were almost too good, too effective. They couldn't find the off switch. Wave after wave of forward play scythed through a Brazilian defence shorn of Silva to hold it together.

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Running riot: Germany scored four goals in six first-half minutes during Tuesday's semi-final against Brazil



Who's at fault? Brazil lost 7-1 in their own back yard, breaking a few unwanted records along the way

All the emotion had gone into mourning Neymar's absence. 'Forca Neymar,' said the baseball caps worn by Luis Felipe Scolari and his men, as they got off the bus at the stadium. Again, it was all too much. Heart ruling head. Brazil tried to win a World Cup on feelings.

Good defenders, that's what it needs. Great goalscorers. Wonderful passers. Energy, inspiration, intelligence. Germany had all that, and were never troubled, not even by the outpouring of overwrought nationalism that sweeps Brazil into their World Cup matches. Brazil's players sung the national anthem with Cesar and Luiz clutching Neymar's empty shirt. Would it matter?

Bastian Schweinsteiger could still be seen grinning at kick-off. Happy in his skin. He knew Germany had a force more powerful than the power of prayer.

SUPER STAT

Germany's second, third, fourth and fifth goals came in a devastating six-minute spell in the first half.



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Floored: Brazil captain David Luiz scrambles for the ball but could not lead his side to World Cup victory



Retrieve: Brazil won the ball back more than their opponents but it was the goals that mattered most

So when Germany forced the first significant attack of the game after eight minutes, it was no surprise. Sami Khedira's shot was heading for goal until it struck a team-mate, but this misfortune was soon forgotten. The next five German attacks ended in goals, in what may be the most remarkable passage of play in the history of this competition.

The first, 11 minutes in, was uncomplicated enough, a Toni Kroos corner that found Thomas Muller inexplicably unmarked eight yards out, Dante and David Luiz both drawn away by decoy runs, like small children distracted by a shiny thing. The finish looked easy, but wasn't, Muller needed to take the ball on the volley, but with enough calm to keep it on target. He did everything right. He often does.

In the meantime, at the other end, Philipp Lahm made the tackle of the night on a marauding Marcelo, just to show it wasn't all about the forwards, and then it began – the wholesale destruction of a nation's footballers and its football philosophy. Six minutes of shock, awe and heartbreak.



Little and large: Germany defender Jerome Boateng towers over Brazil left back Marcelo



Midfield battle: Germany's Sami Khedira races forward away from Brazil's Luis Gustavo

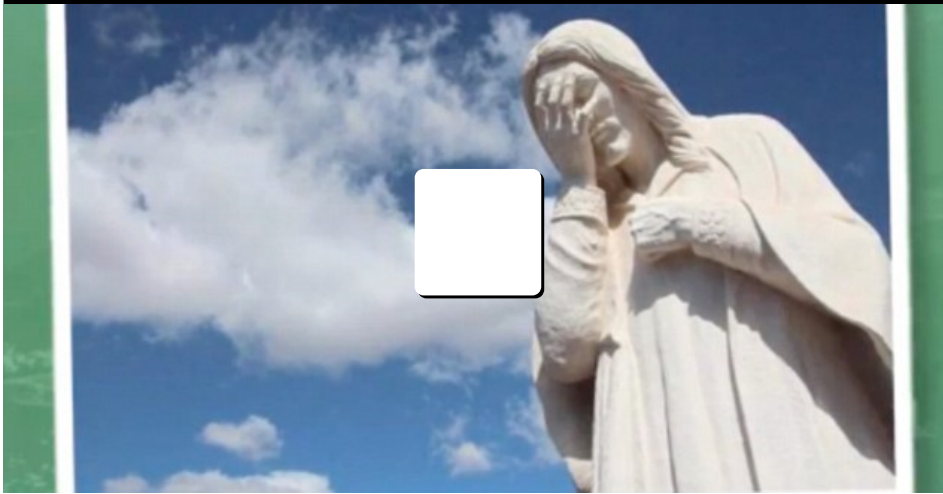
It began with a crossfield pass by Muller that Fernandinho should have cut out, but didn't. There followed a superb interchange of passes between Kroos, Miroslav Klose and Muller again, that ended with Klose forcing a save from Julio Cesar. The ball rebounded to his feet and he made no mistake second time – to become, with 16 goals, the World Cup's top scorer unopposed, moving one ahead of Brazil's Ronaldo. It would have served as an omen, had Brazil been given time to consider the influence of charms.

A minute later, Lahm surged down the right, crossed, and when Muller missed his kick – a rare aberration – Kroos struck his shot straight as an arrow leaving Cesar no chance. An uneasy quiet settled on the arena. The game was gone now, and dignity was clinging by its fingertips.

Not for long. Almost from the restart Fernandinho lost possession, and Kroos and Khedira advanced on goal, unselfishly swapping passes almost as if they were reluctant to apply the final thrust of the sword. In the end, it fell to Kroos to administer this blow. He did what he had to do.

Those that play FIFA 14 may have experienced the accidental setting of the controls to 'amateur'. Watching Brazil's defence now felt like that. They were in disarray, disorganised, clueless, lost. Mesut Ozil cut the ball back to Khedira for the fifth on 29 minutes and the stadium audibly gasped.

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Quiet evening: Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer gets down low to deny Brazil frontman Oscar



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Devastated: David Luiz is comforted by fellow defender Thiago Silva who was suspended for the clash

Cameras that usually focus on happy, smiling – invariably white – Brazilian faces, now found only tears. Green and yellow paint was smeared, the default national characteristic – a broad beam – was absent. It wasn't just the game that was gone, a piece of Brazil's soul appeared to have disappeared with it too. When Uruguay won in the Maracana in 1950, the commentator kept repeating the phrase 'gol do Uruguay' over and over again, as if unable to comprehend the event. It was similar here. All around the ground. 'Cinco...cinco...'

'Brace yourself – the sixth is coming,' says the slogan on Brazil's team bus. It refers to a pending World Cup victory, but here took on a new meaning. Andre Schurrle fulfilled the dreaded prophecy,

from a neat square pass by Lahm, in the 69th minute. The same player chipped the hopeless, hapless Cesar for the seventh ten minutes later.

With that goal, it officially became the worst night of football in Brazil's history. Oscar scored in injury time, although by then everyone had seen quite enough.

An hour after the final whistle, the ground now cleared, bar the German contingent, the victors reappeared for a last salute. It was starting to sink in now, and for Brazil the pain was only just beginning.



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