

## The 2002 “Coach Jay” World Cup Awards

Adjudicated by Jesse and Aaron Finkelstein

### Nominees

The Bora Milutinovic Overachievement in Coaching Award

- a. Guus Hiddink
  - b. Bruno Metsu
  - c. Bruce Arena
  - d. Philippe Troussier
- (No luck this year, Bora.)

The Spain Memorial Underachievement Award

- a. Portugal
- b. France
- c. Argentina
- d. Spain (for sentimental reasons)

Best Performance by a Striker Nobody’s Ever Heard Of

- a. Hasan Sas
- b. Ahn Jung-Hwan
- c. El Hadji Diouf
- d. Miroslav Klose

Best Performance by a Striker Everybody’s Heard Of

- a. Ronaldo
- b. Rivaldo
- c. Fernando Morientes
- d. Edmilsen (deep down, they’re *all* strikers, dammit!)

Worst Performance by a Striker Everybody’s Heard Of

- a. Gabriel Batistuta
  - b. David Trezeguet
  - c. Kanu
  - d. Carsten Jancker
  - e. Gabriel Batistuta
- (we thought you should have an extra chance to get this one right)

Best Crying Jag by a Striker

- a. Ronaldo (after the final)
- b. Batistuta (after Sweden-Argentina)
- c. Christian Vieri (throughout Italy-Croatia)
- d. Diego Maradona (ongoing)

Best Name in the World Cup

- a. Joseph-Desire Job/Cameroon
- b. Pablo Chinchilla/Costa Rica
- c. Cha Do Ri/South Korea (or, the Sinister “DR CHA”)
- d. Jorge Campos/Paraguay

Best Vanishing Act by a Single Player

- a. Francesco Totti
- b. Gaizka Mendieta
- c. Yuri Djorkaeff
- d. Figo

### Worst Foul of the Cup

- a. Salif Diao/Denmark-Senegal (so bad it got Thierry Henry carded hours later)
- b. Mauricio Pochettino/Argentina-England (nominated for sheer stupidity)
- c. Joao Pinto/Portugal-South Korea (“Just get me out of here, Coach...”)
- d. Landon Donovan/USA-Poland (His backing into a defenseless Arkadiusz Glowacki was brutal and unwarranted. Reckless fouls such as this should rightly be sanctioned with a booking.)

### Worst Call of the Cup

- a. Inzaghi’s Shirt-pull vs. Croatia
- b. Vieri’s off-sides behind the ball vs. Croatia
- c. Donovan’s foul vs. Poland
- d. Leaving Roberto Baggio at home

### Best One-Legged Performance

- a. Roberto Carlos
- b. David Beckham
- c. Alessandro Nesta
- d. Zinedine Zidane

### The Roberto Baggio Award for Best Player Consigned to the Bench

- a. Hernan Crespo
- b. Ilhan Mansiz
- c. Vincenzo Montella
- d. Oliver Bierhoff

### Best Team Eliminated Early

- a. France
- b. England
- c. Argentina
- d. Portugal

### Worst Team Eliminated Late

- a. South Korea
- b. Turkey
- c. Senegal
- d. Paraguay

### Best Team Not at the Cup

- a. Holland
- b. Romania
- c. Czech Republic
- d. Colombia

### Teams Better than Turkey

- a. Colombia
- b. Holland
- c. Czech Republic
- d. Romania

### Team Most Improved by Injury/Red Card/Exile

- a. Turkey
- b. USA
- c. Brazil
- d. Ireland

### The Dunga Hard Man Midfield Award

- a. Nicky Butt
- b. Stig Tofting
- c. Deitmar Hamann
- d. Claude Makalele

### The Edgar Davids "Where the Hell Did He Come From?" Award

- a. Blanco
- b. Hasan Sas
- c. Salif Diao
- d. South Korea

### The Team That Would have been Most Improved if I'd Been Allowed to Play Striker

- a. France (Thierry Henry)
- b. USA (Earnie Stewart)
- c. Italy (Roberto Baggio)
- d. Turkey (Hakan Sukur) [No, wait....]

### Roberto Carlos Award for Most Overlaps

- a. Edmilsen
- b. Lucio
- c. Cafu
- d. Roberto Carlos

### The Holland Honorary Ugliest Uniform Award

- a. Paraguay (home)
- b. Paraguay (away)
- c. Croatia ([delivered in a Dennis Miller whine] "Hey, didn't Lady and The Tramp eat spaghetti off that behind the Italian restaurant?")
- d. Slovenia (Charlie Brown called. He wants his uniforms back.)

### Toughest-Looking Jersey

- a. Cameroon (Pre-World Cup sleeveless version)
- b. Cameroon (the FIFA-approved faux sleeveless version)
- c. Slovenia (Don't mess with a team who would rip off the *Peanuts* gang)
- d. South Korea (...all 70,000 of them)

### Best Buck-toothed Assassin

- a. Ronaldinho
- b. Ronaldo
- c. Alvaro Recoba (pending confirmation that those are his real teeth and not a Halloween prop)
- d. Jens Larsen

### Best Phantom of the Opera Mask

- a. Miyamoto Tsuneyasu
- b. Kim Tae-Young
- c. Japan supporters
- d. Stuffed animals the Japan supporters were carrying

### Best Performance by non-Italian Italian player

- a. Hidetoshi Nakata
- b. Ahn Jung-Hwan
- c. Alvaro Recoba
- d. Jared Borgetti

- e. Javier Zanetti  
(Honorable Mention: Pablo Mastroeni; Dishonorable Mention: Claudio Caniggia)

### Best Performance by Player Furthest From Home

- a. Gerald Asamoah (from Ghana)
- b. Alex (from Brazil)
- c. Emmanuel Olisadebe (from Nigeria)
- d. Patrick Viera (from Mars, apparently)

### All Porn-Star Team

- a. David Seaman
- b. Bruno Metsu
- c. Emmanuel Petit
- d. Rustu Recber

### Worst Haircut

- a. Christian Ziege
- b. Freddie Ljunberg
- c. Clint Mathis
- d. Umit Davala

(DNQ: Ronaldo's haircut, while exceedingly unattractive, was donned for the final only)

### Best Performance by Unfrozen Caveman

- a. Oliver Kahn
- b. Stig Tofting
- c. Brad Friedel
- d. Carsten Jancker

### Best Head Injury

- a. Taribo West (by unidentified Swede)
- b. Hwang Sun-Hong (by Jeff Agoos)
- c. Francesco Coco (by Damiano Tomassi)
- d. Italy & USA (by Ahn Jung-Hwan)

### Best Performance by Celebrity Look-Alike

- a. Michael Ballack (Mark "Marky Mark" Wahlberg)
- b. Tony Sanneh (George W. Bush)
- c. Christian Vieri (Joaquin Phoenix)
- d. Pierluigi Collina (Death from *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*)  
(...and no, that actually was Zinedine Zidane)

### Team Most Exhausted by Appearance in Nike "Secret Tournament" Ad

- a. France (Thierry Henry, Patrick Viera, Sylvain Wiltord, Lilian Thuram)
- b. Argentina (Hernan Crespo, Claudio Lopez, Javier Saviola)
- c. Italy (Francesco Totti, Fabio Cannavaro)
- d. Holland (Edgar Davids, Ruud Van Nistleroy)

### Uncontested Awards

*Mister Congeniality*: Dario Silva

*Best Performance by a Player Named Landon Donovan*: Landon Donovan

*Tightest Jerseys*: Italy

*Tightest Sphincters*: Ireland

*Player Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Pirate Captain*: Quinton Fortune

*Precision Diving Award*: Germany (vs. USA)

*Best Stat Line:* Claudio Cannigia

(Minutes Played: 0, Goals: 0, Shots: 0, Shots on Goal: 0, Assists: 0, Red Cards: 1)

*Announcer Most Likely to Don a Jersey and Show These Whippersnappers How It's Done:*

Giorgio Chinaglia

*Least successful attempt to put a shirt back on:* Landon Donovan/Brazil in final (tie)

*Tallest Keeper with Shortest Arms:* Jose Luis Chilavert

*We Really Did Deserve to Be Here Instead of Holland:* Ireland, Mexico (tie)