

STAR SUNDAY 2/7/06 (MST)

CORNER KICK



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South Pole conqueror

I HAVE been an ardent Brazil fan for years. I'm confident that Brazil will win as they have an added advantage – their mental strength.

I am in the midst of training for my North Pole expedition but I make it a point to watch Brazil games.

Although they were a bit slow in the beginning, the Brazil team have started to pick up and are getting better and better.

We are seeing the real team now and even Ronaldo has bucked up and is playing smart despite the criticism he got for his earlier "poor" performance.

That is the difference between brilliant players and hardworking ones.

Their mental strength will see them through. I'm guessing that they will battle it out with Germany again in the finals.